

### 7.3 SPIKING MATERIALS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

The spiking materials will not be sampled and analyzed during the CPT. These will be pure materials purchased for testing. The suppliers will certify the spiking materials' compositions.

### 7.4 STACK GAS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

During the CPT, the stack gas will be sampled for chlorobenzene, D/F, mercury, SVM, LVM, HCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>, and PM emissions, and CO emissions will be monitored. The following sampling methods will be used:

- USEPA Methods 1, 2, 3A, and 4 for determination of stack sampling traverse points, gas flow rate, composition, and moisture content;
- SW-846 Method 0030 for measurement of chlorobenzene emissions;
- SW-846 Method 0023A for measurement of D/F emissions;
- USEPA Method 29 for measurement of mercury, SVM, and LVM emissions;
- USEPA Methods 5 and 26A combined for measurement of HCl/Cl<sub>2</sub> and PM emissions; and
- The facility's CEMS to monitor the concentrations of CO and oxygen in the stack gas.

Table 7-2 summarizes the stack gas samples to be taken, the parameters to be measured, and the duration of measurement.

**TABLE 7-2**  
**STACK GAS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS**

SAMPLING METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>	SAMPLING DURATION	ANALYTICAL PARAMETER	ANALYTICAL METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>
USEPA Methods 1, 2, 3A, and 4	Not applicable	Traverse points, stack flow, composition, and moisture	Not applicable
SW-846 Method 0030	4 tube sets, 20 minutes per tube set	Chlorobenzene	SW-846 Method 8260B
SW-846 Method 0023A	180 minutes (minimum)	Dioxins and furans	SW-846 Methods 0023A and 8290A
USEPA Methods 5 and 26A	120 minutes (minimum)	Particulate matter, hydrogen chloride, and chlorine	USEPA Method 5
USEPA Method 29	120 minutes (minimum)	Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury	SW-846 Methods 6010C and 7471A
Facility CEMS	Continuous	Carbon monoxide	Facility CEMS
Facility CEMS	Continuous	Oxygen	Facility CEMS

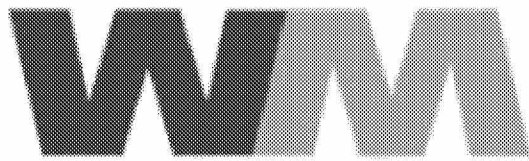
<sup>1</sup> SW-846 refers to *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Third Edition*. USEPA Method refers to New Source Performance Standards, Test Methods and Procedures, Appendix A, 40 CFR Part 60.

<sup>2</sup> All methods will be performed in accordance with the stack sampler's and laboratory's Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (LELAP) approved standard operating procedures (SOPs).

THC by CEMS. RCRA permit requires CPT be compliant with 1207, demonstrating compliance with 1219. For the DRE demo @ >99.99% 1219.(b)(5) requires simultaneous CO and THC in the CPT, with THC being below 10 ppm and CO being below 100 ppm.

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for LDR compliance.

**Appendix A:**  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN**



WASTE MANAGEMENT

CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

*LAKE CHARLES FACILITY*

**HAZARDOUS WASTE  
OPERATING PERMIT  
EPA ID No. LAD 000 777 201  
AGENCY INTEREST No. 742**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN  
FOR THERMAL DESORPTION UNIT**

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## PROJECT TEAM SIGNATURE PAGE

Facility: Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Lake Charles, Louisiana  
Unit ID: Thermal Desorption Unit  
Test Title: Comprehensive Performance Test

This quality assurance project plan (QAPP) has been developed for the comprehensive performance test (CPT) to be conducted for Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Thermal Desorption Unit. This QAPP has been distributed to and read by the signatories. By signing, the signatories agree to the appropriate information pertaining to their project responsibilities provided in the QAPP.

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Performance Test Manager  
Ben Dabadie  
Chemical Waste Management, Inc.

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Date

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Project Coordinator  
S. Heather McHale, P.E.  
Coterie Environmental LLC

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Date

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Stack Testing Director

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Waste Spiking Director

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Quality Assurance Officer  
Meghan Skemp  
Coterie Environmental LLC

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Date

Notes: The individuals listed above: 1) have received, read, and agreed to the appropriate information pertaining to their project responsibilities listed and provided in this QAPP and 2) agree that no testing methods have been modified.

These pages will be signed after approval of the plans.



## LABORATORY SIGNATURE PAGE

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Laboratory Project Manager

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Notes: The individuals listed above: 1) have received, read, and agreed to the appropriate information pertaining to their project responsibilities listed and provided in this QAPP and 2) agree that no testing methods have been modified.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This quality assurance project plan (QAPP) is being submitted by Chemical Waste Management, Inc., (CWM) for the Thermal Desorption Unit (TDU) to be operated at the Lake Charles Facility. The TDU is subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) standards codified in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 264 Subpart X and Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) Title 33 Part V Chapter 32. The applicable operating requirements for the TDU are specified in Section V.G of Hazardous Waste Operating Permit No. LAD000777201-OP-RN-MO-I. This QAPP describes the quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) program associated with the comprehensive performance test (CPT) to be conducted for the TDU.

### 1.1 FACILITY OVERVIEW

The CWM Lake Charles Facility is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility located on a 390-acre tract near Carlyss, Louisiana. John Brannon Road divides the facility into two parts: 270 acres to the west and 120 acres to the east. Incoming waste is currently treated as required and then disposed in Hazardous Waste Landfill Cell 8, located on the west side of John Brannon Road, adjacent to the other operational areas of the facility. CWM has added two new technologies to the current operations at the Lake Charles Facility. These new technologies offer CWM opportunities to treat waste and recover oil for resale. The two new systems consist of Oil Recovery Units and the TDU.

The street address of the CWM Lake Charles Facility is:

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## 1.2 UNIT OVERVIEW

The TDU is designed to remediate organic hydrocarbon waste streams by thermally volatilizing their hydrocarbon constituents such that they are separated from the solid fraction, processed, and captured as a recovered organic material. The TDU consists of a solids feed system, an indirectly heated rotary drum, a Vapor Recovery Unit (VRU), and a Thermal Oxidizer Unit (TOU). Gases exit the TOU and flow through a water quench, a venturi scrubber, and a packed bed scrubber. An induced draft (ID) fan downstream of the packed bed scrubber pulls the gases through the TOU and quench/scrubber system and pushes them out the stack.

## 1.3 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE TEST OVERVIEW

The CPT is designed to demonstrate compliance with the emission standards being included as applicable requirements in the permit. The CPT will also establish the operating parameter limits (OPLs) required by Condition V.G.11 of the permit. One test condition will be performed for the TDU during the CPT. The CPT condition will be performed to demonstrate compliance with the destruction and removal efficiency (DRE) standard and the dioxins and furans (D/F), mercury, semivolatile metals (SVM), low volatile metals (LVM), hydrogen chloride and chlorine (HCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter (PM), and carbon monoxide (CO) emission standards while operating the TDU at the maximum total hazardous waste feed rate, the minimum TOU temperature, and the maximum flue gas flow rate. The venturi scrubber will be operated at the minimum pressure drop, and the packed bed scrubber will be operated at the minimum liquid to gas ratio, the minimum liquid flow rate, and the minimum liquid pH.

This CPT is being coordinated by Coterie Environmental LLC (Coterie) under the direction of CWM personnel. Coterie is responsible for the test protocol development and implementation and will oversee the TDU's operations and the stack sampling activities during the test program. A stack sampling contractor will perform all of the stack sampling for the test program. This contractor will be responsible for all emissions samples collected during the test program, with oversight by Coterie. A spiking contractor will provide waste spiking services during the test program. The emissions samples will be sent to qualified laboratories for analysis.

## 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN ORGANIZATION

This QAPP has been prepared following the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) document entitled *Preparation Aids for the Development of Category I Quality Assurance Project Plan*. The QAPP will serve as an essential guidance by which the CPT will be performed. The QAPP defines all aspects of QA/QC procedures and establishes sampling and analytical quality indicators that will demonstrate achievement of the test objectives. Additionally, this QAPP defines precision and accuracy criteria for all of the required measurements that will be used to demonstrate that all associated test data is of sufficient quality to demonstrate compliance. The remaining sections of the QAPP provide the following information:

- Section 2 presents information on the CPT project team;

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- Section 3 describes the CPT sampling procedures;
  - Section 4 presents sample handling and documentation information;
  - Section 5 discusses the CPT analytical procedures;
  - Section 6 presents the CPT data quality objectives;
  - Section 7 discusses calibration procedures and preventative maintenance;
  - Section 8 discusses data reduction, validation, and reporting procedures;
  - Section 9 discusses QA reports;
  - Section 10 includes a list of reference documents for the QAPP;
  - Attachment A includes the project team contact information; and
  - Attachment B includes resumes for key project team members.

## 1.5 DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

The original version of this plan was submitted in November 2017. The nature and date of any future revisions will be summarized in Table 1-1.

**TABLE 1-1**  
**DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY**

REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
0	November 2017	Original submittal

## 2.0 ORGANIZATION OF PERSONNEL, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS

CWM and their contractors will have specific and unique duties in the implementation of the CPT project. The project team duties are summarized below. A project organization flow chart is provided in Figure 2-1. Any key personnel that become unavailable will be replaced by equally qualified personnel prior to test mobilization. This QAPP will be distributed to key project personnel for review prior to the CPT. These personnel will sign the appropriate QAPP signature page.

Key personnel contact information is summarized in Attachment A. Resumes for key project team members are provided in Attachment B.

CWM, through the Performance Test Manager, will:

- Procure and prepare waste feeds;
- Operate the TDU at the designated conditions;
- Collect waste samples; and
- Report all feed rates and TDU process parameters.

Coterie, through the Project Coordinator, will:

- Serve as liaison with regulatory agencies and the CPT team;
- Provide oversight for the project; and
- Prepare the final report.

The stack sampling contractor, through the Stack Testing Director and stack sampling field team, will:

- Perform stack gas sampling;
- Implement the QA program for the emissions testing and sample analysis;
- Provide custody of all samples generated by the test efforts;
- Transport the samples to the laboratories for analysis; and
- Prepare the stack and process sampling report and supporting documentation.

The waste spiking contractor, through the Waste Spiking Director and spiking crew, will:

- Perform spiking of chlorobenzene;
- Prepare pre-weighed packets of mercury oxide, potassium chloride, lead oxide, and chromium oxide; and
- Provide a spiking report.



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The laboratories will:

- Perform sample analyses;
- Perform method and QAPP specified QA/QC;
- Provide a detailed case narrative; and
- Generate analytical data reports.

The Quality Assurance Officer will:

- Oversee sampling and analysis procedures;
- Provide input and document the observation of testing and corrective actions; and
- Review all analytical results.

## **2.1 PERFORMANCE TEST MANAGER**

Ben Dabadie will serve as the CWM Performance Test Manager. Mr. Dabadie will be responsible for directing CWM personnel in the operations of the TDU during the testing. He will also ensure that all necessary unit operating data is collected during the test.

## **2.2 PROJECT COORDINATOR**

Heather McHale of Coterie will provide coordination and oversight during the test program. Ms. McHale will ensure that all test team members communicate throughout the test program and that the objectives of the CPT plan are met (*i.e.*, test operating conditions, field sampling objectives).

## **2.3 STACK TESTING DIRECTOR**

A qualified representative from the stack sampling contractor will serve as the Stack Testing Director for the CPT. This individual will be responsible for technical supervision of the project, data interpretation, and overall report preparation and will coordinate with all laboratories and outside service providers. A project manager, who reports to this person, will oversee the field crew during the testing, will be responsible for all aspects of sample collection, and will report any deviations immediately to the Performance Test Manager and Project Coordinator. The Stack Testing Director may or may not be onsite during the CPT.

## **2.4 FIELD TEAM**

The field team will be made up of CWM and contractor personnel. CWM operators will be responsible for collecting all waste samples. The stack sampling field team will collect all of the stack gas samples and will take custody of the waste samples from the operators at the conclusion of the testing.

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## **2.5 WASTE SPIKING DIRECTOR**

A qualified representative from the waste spiking contractor will serve the Waste Spiking Director and will provide direction of the spiking efforts. This individual will ensure that the spiking crew is staffed with experienced technicians. He may or may not be onsite during the CPT.

## **2.6 LABORATORIES**

The laboratories will be specified by the designated stack sampling contractor and will be approved by CWM. The selected laboratories will be experienced in conducting analyses per the methods described in this QAPP. Prior to test execution, the QAPP will be submitted to the various laboratories for their review and understanding of their project responsibilities. Each laboratory representative will sign the appropriate QAPP signature page. The laboratory representative will be responsible for ensuring that the laboratory follows all analytical methods specified in the QAPP in accordance with their Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (LELAP) approved standard operating procedure (SOPs), that a detailed case narrative is prepared that addresses all analytical deviations, and that a complete laboratory report is provided.

## **2.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER**

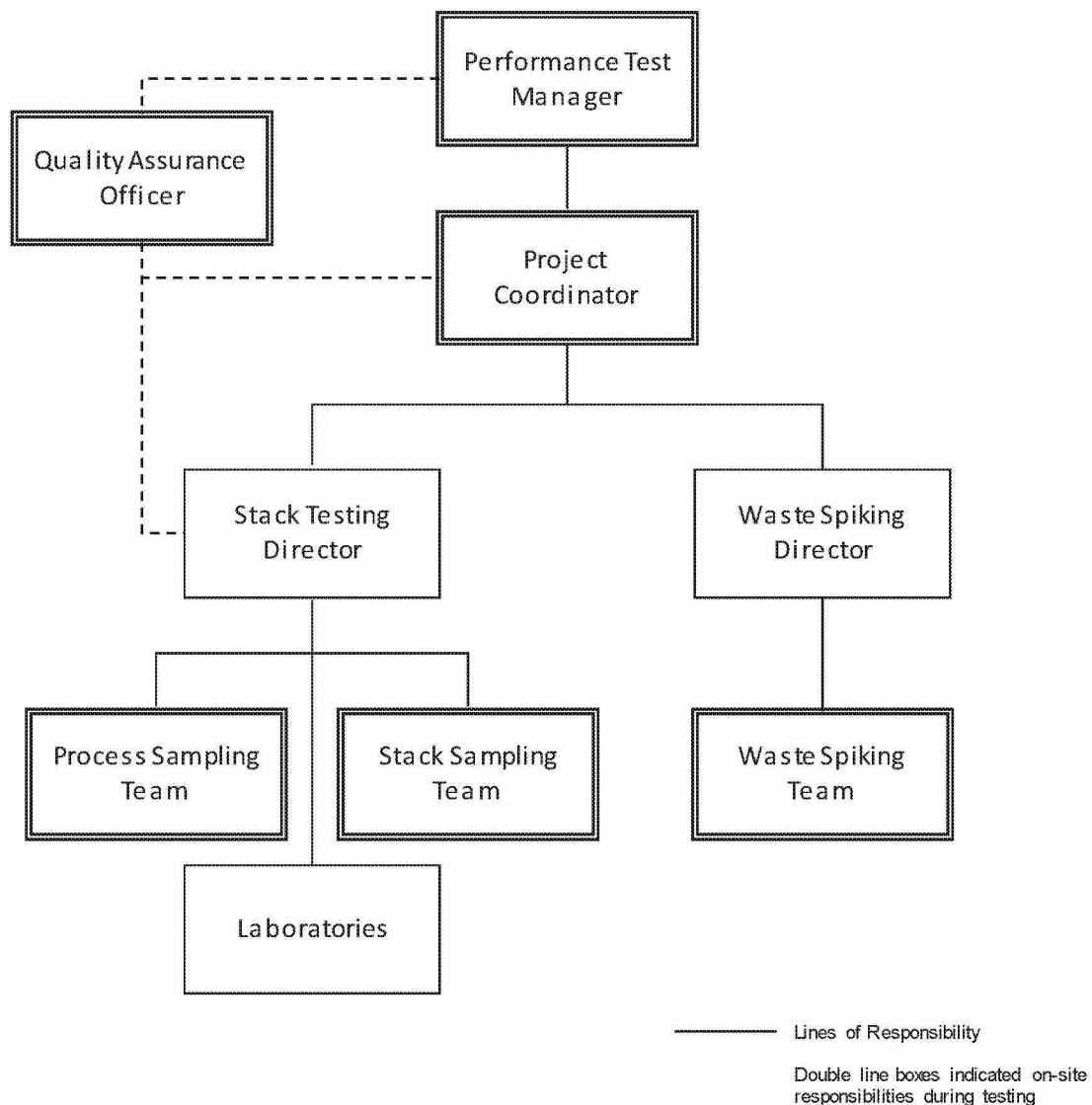
The Quality Assurance Officer will have overall QA authority for all aspects of the test program. The Quality Assurance Officer is organizationally independent of the test program technical staff and is not directly responsible for making any measurements during the test. Meghan Skemp of Coterie has been selected as the Quality Assurance Officer. In this role, Ms. Skemp will ensure that all field and lab procedures are performed in compliance with QAPP objectives and will perform the entire scope of duties outlined for Quality Assurance Officers by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) on their website.

Some of the specific duties that the Quality Assurance Officer will perform include:

- Providing additional oversight for sampling activities during the testing;
- Providing oversight for sample handling, shipment, and laboratory receipt after the samples have been taken;
- Auditing onsite sampling procedures, sampling equipment, and QA/QC activities;
- Coordinating with the Performance Test Manager, the Project Coordinator, and agency personnel onsite to resolve any conflicts during the testing;
- Resolving any potential conflicts with laboratories conducting the analyses and communicating all changes to the field team prior to the actual stack testing;
- Providing laboratory communications oversight prior to, during, and after the sampling activities take place;
- Providing documentation of all laboratory communications for the duration of the project to ensure that potential QA/QC issues encountered during sample collection, analysis, and data validation are accounted for in the assessment of data usability;

- Providing final data validation through a review of all laboratory reports for data quality issues, including review of case narratives for acceptability; and
- Providing a QA summary report that includes a listing of all deviations from the CPT plan or QAPP with corrective actions and the effect on data quality.

**FIGURE 2-1  
PROJECT ORGANIZATION**



## 3.0 SAMPLING PROCEDURES

This section provides descriptions of the waste and stack sampling procedures to be performed during the CPT.

### 3.1 WASTE SAMPLING

Waste samples will be collected during each run of the CPT. The waste sampling location will be clearly labeled during the CPT. Table 3-1 summarizes the waste sampling procedures.

**TABLE 3-1  
WASTE SAMPLING**

WASTE	SAMPLING METHOD	SAMPLING AMOUNT/ FREQUENCY
Hydrocarbon contaminated waste stream	Scoop sampling	Approximately 250 mL at 30-minute intervals

The waste samples will be composited for each run into a one-gallon jar. At the conclusion of each run, the jar will be thoroughly mixed, and the sample will be divided into three 500-milliliter (mL) amber glass jars. The samples will be isolated from sources of contamination during the sampling and compositing efforts. One sample will be sent to the laboratory for analysis, one sample will be sent to the laboratory as a backup, and one sample will be archived onsite.

### 3.2 NATURAL GAS SAMPLING

The natural gas will not be sampled during the CPT. Sampling of this feedstream is not required for the compliance demonstrations.

### 3.3 SPIKING MATERIALS SAMPLING

The spiking materials will not be sampled and analyzed during the CPT. These will be pure materials purchased for testing. The suppliers will certify the spiking materials' compositions.

### 3.4 STACK GAS SAMPLING

The stack gas sampling will follow the methods documented in 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix A (USEPA Methods) and *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods* (SW-846 Methods). Brief descriptions of these methods are provided in this section. Any modifications to prescribed USEPA or SW-846 test methods are outlined in the sampling procedure descriptions below. Table 3-2 summarizes the sampling procedures to be used during the CPT for collection of stack gas samples.

**TABLE 3-2  
STACK GAS SAMPLING**

PARAMETER	SAMPLING METHOD	SAMPLE FRACTION(S)
Traverse points, gas flow rate, composition, and moisture content	USEPA Methods 1, 2, 3A, and 4	Not applicable
Particulate matter	USEPA Method 5	Filter and front-half acetone rinse
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	USEPA Method 26A	Sulfuric acid impingers contents and rinses
		Sodium hydroxide impingers contents and rinses
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury	USEPA Method 29	Filter and front-half nitric acid rinse
		Nitric acid/hydrogen peroxide impinger contents and rinses
		Knockout impinger contents and rinses
		Potassium permanganate impinger contents and rinses
		Potassium permanganate impinger hydrochloric acid rinse
Dioxins and furans	SW-846 Method 0023A	Filter
		Front-half acetone, methylene chloride, and toluene rinse
		Back-half acetone, methylene chloride, and toluene chloride rinse
		XAD-2 resin
Chlorobenzene	SW-846 Method 0030	Tenax™ resin
		Tenax™ resin/charcoal
		Condensate
Carbon monoxide	Facility CEMS	Not applicable
Oxygen	Facility CEMS	Not applicable

#### 3.4.1 SAMPLING POINT DETERMINATION – USEPA METHOD 1

The number and location of the stack gas sampling points will be determined according to the procedures outlined in USEPA Method 1. Verification of absence of cyclonic flow will be conducted prior to testing by following the procedure described in USEPA Method 1. The cyclonic flow check will be performed once for the CPT.

#### 3.4.2 FLUE GAS VELOCITY AND VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE – USEPA METHOD 2

The flue gas velocity and volumetric flow rate will be determined according to the procedures outlined in USEPA Method 2. Velocity measurements will be made using Type S pitot tubes conforming to the geometric specifications outlined in USEPA Method 2. Differential pressures will be measured with fluid manometers. Effluent gas temperatures will be measured with thermocouples equipped with digital readouts.

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### **3.4.3 FLUE GAS COMPOSITION AND MOLECULAR WEIGHT – USEPA METHOD 3A**

The composition of the bulk gas and the gas molecular weight at the stack (concentrations of carbon dioxide and oxygen) will be determined by USEPA Method 3A. The stack sampling contractor will supply oxygen and carbon dioxide analyzers and all other associated equipment. The analyzers will be calibrated according to the procedures outlined in the method. A continuous sample of stack gas will be withdrawn via a sample probe. The gas will be filtered and passed through a conditioning system for removal of particulates and moisture prior to being sent to the analyzer.

The calculated molecular weight will be used for all isokinetic calculations. The measured oxygen concentration will also be used to correct emission concentrations to seven percent oxygen.

### **3.4.4 FLUE GAS MOISTURE CONTENT – USEPA METHOD 4**

The flue gas moisture content will be determined in conjunction with each isokinetic train according to the sampling and analytical procedures outlined in USEPA Method 4. The impingers will be connected in series and will contain reagents as described for each sampling method. The impingers will be housed in an ice bath to ensure condensation of the moisture from the flue gas stream. Any moisture that is not condensed in the impingers is captured in the silica gel. Moisture content is determined by weighing the various sample fractions.

### **3.4.5 PARTICULATE MATTER, HYDROGEN CHLORIDE, AND CHLORINE – USEPA METHODS 5 AND 26A**

The sampling and analytical procedures outlined in USEPA Method 5 and 26A will be used to determine PM and HCl/Cl<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the stack gas during the CPT condition. The sampling train will consist of a Teflon mat or quartz fiber filter, one impinger containing 50 mL of 0.1 Normal (N) sulfuric acid (if necessary due to high moisture conditions), two impingers each containing 100 mL of 0.1 N sulfuric acid, two impingers each containing 100 mL of 0.1 N sodium hydroxide, and an impinger containing at least 250 grams of silica gel. If deemed necessary based on site-specific conditions (*i.e.*, expected high HCl concentrations), an additional empty impinger may be placed between the acid and alkaline impingers to ensure that the HCl and Cl<sub>2</sub> fractions are completely isolated. A diagram of the sampling train is presented in Figure 3-1.

All sampling train components will be constructed of materials specified in the methods and will be cleaned and prepared per method specifications prior to testing. The probe and filter temperatures will be maintained between 248 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and 273°F. The sampling runs will be performed within ± 10 percent of isokinetic conditions. The total sampling time will be a minimum of 120 minutes.

Sample recovery procedures will follow those outlined in the respective test methods. In accordance with Section 8.2.3 of USEPA Method 26A, sodium thiosulfate will be added to the alkaline impinger contents during recovery. Recovery of the USEPA Method 5/26A sampling train will result in the sample fractions listed in Table 3-2. For the USEPA Method 5 portion of the recovery, the filter will be packaged in a Petri dish, and the probe rinse will be collected in a glass jar. All impinger rinses and contents associated with the USEPA Method 26A recovery will be collected and shipped in amber glass jars.

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### **3.4.6 ARSENIC, BERYLLIUM, CADMIUM, CHROMIUM, LEAD, AND MERCURY – USEPA METHOD 29**

The sampling procedures outlined in USEPA Method 29 will be used to determine the concentrations of arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury in the stack gas during the CPT condition. The sampling train will consist of a set of six to seven impingers. If high moisture conditions are expected, the first impinger will be an empty knockout impinger. This impinger is optional and will only be used if necessary. The next two impingers will each contain 100 mL of a five percent nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) and ten percent hydrogen peroxide solution ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) solution. These impingers are followed by an empty impinger. The next two impingers will each contain 100 mL of a four percent potassium permanganate ( $\text{KMnO}_4$ ) and ten percent sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) solution. The final impinger will contain between 200 and 300 grams of silica gel. A detailed description of the types of impingers used in this sampling train can be found in USEPA Method 29. A diagram of the sampling train is presented in Figure 3-2.

All sampling train components will be constructed of materials specified in the method and will be cleaned and prepared per method specifications prior to testing. The probe and filter temperatures will be maintained between 223°F and 273°F. The sampling runs will be performed within  $\pm 10$  percent of isokinetic conditions. The total sampling time and minimum sample volume will be determined in accordance with method and/or rule requirements. If no such specifications are provided in the test method or applicable regulation, the total sample volume will be set such that the resulting detection limit provides the necessary level of analytical resolution. The total sample time will be established based upon the number of sample points and the minimum required sample volume.

Sample recovery procedures will follow those outlined in the test method. The USEPA Method 29 sampling train will produce the sample fractions listed in Table 3-2. The filter will be packaged in a Petri dish for shipping. All other sample fractions will be collected in amber glass jars. The filter and front half rinse and the contents and rinses from the  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  impingers will be analyzed for all target metals. The contents and rinses from the empty and  $\text{KMnO}_4$  impingers will be analyzed for mercury only.

### **3.4.7 DIOXINS AND FURANS – SW-846 METHOD 0023A**

The sampling procedures outlined in SW-846 Method 0023A will be used to determine D/F concentrations in the stack gas during the CPT condition. The sampling train will consist of a glass fiber filter and coil condenser followed by a XAD-2 resin trap and a series of impingers. A total of four impingers will be used in the sampling train. The first of these impingers will be empty and will be followed by two impingers each containing 100 mL of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) water. These impingers will be followed by an impinger containing at least 250 grams of silica gel. A recirculating pump will also be connected to the sampling train to continuously circulate cold water to the condenser and resin trap in order to maintain the resin trap temperature below 68 degrees Fahrenheit (°F). A diagram of the sampling train is presented in Figure 3-3.



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In preparation for the sampling event, a number of labeled sampling standards will be introduced inside the resin to monitor sampling efficiencies as well as to provide insights to the sample preservation and storage conditions. Upon preparation of the spiked resin traps, a separate fraction of resin from the same batch will be spiked the same day using the same solutions used in the field sampling modules and will be refrigerated in the laboratory until the return of the field samples. At such time, the control resin will become the laboratory method blank.

All sampling train components will be constructed of materials specified in the methods and will be cleaned and prepared per method specifications prior to testing. The probe and filter temperatures will be maintained between 223°F and 273°F (120 ± 14 degrees Celsius (°C)). The sampling runs will be performed within ±10 percent of isokinetic conditions. A minimum of 88.3 dry standard cubic feet (dscf) (2.5 dry standard cubic meters (dscm)) of sample gas will be collected over a minimum of 180 minutes.

The sampling train will be recovered according to the procedures specified in the method. The recovery of the sampling train will result in the sample fractions listed in Table 3-2. The filter will be shipped in a Petri dish, and all rinses will be collected in amber glass jars. The XAD-2 resin will be wrapped and shipped in the glass trap.

The front-half and back-half sample fractions will be spiked with extraction standards. The XAD-2 resin and front- and back-halves of the sampling train will be analyzed separately for D/F by SW-846 Methods 0023A and 8290A (high resolution gas chromatograph/high resolution mass spectroscopy).

### **3.4.8 CHLOROBENZENE – SW-846 METHOD 0030**

The sampling procedures outlined in SW-846 Method 0030 will be used to determine chlorobenzene concentrations in the stack gas during the CPT condition. The sampling train draws effluent stack gas through a series of sorbent traps. The first trap will contain Tenax™ resin, and the second will contain a section of Tenax™ followed by a section of activated charcoal. A water-cooled condenser will be arranged so that condensate will drain vertically through the traps. New Teflon sample transfer lines will be used, and the sampling train will use greaseless fittings and connectors. The Tenax™ resin will be cleaned and tested, prior to testing, according to the QA requirements of the method. A diagram of the sampling train is presented in Figure 3-4.

Four pairs of sorbent traps will be collected per run. The sampled gas will be passed through each pair of traps for 20 minutes, resulting in a total sampling time of 80 minutes per test run. One sample of condensate will be collected per sampling run (four pairs). Three of the four pairs of tubes will be analyzed for each run. The fourth pair will be archived and will be analyzed if any of the other three tube sets cannot be analyzed. The sampling probe will be kept at or above 130°C during sampling. The sampling train will be operated at a sampling rate of approximately 1.0 liter per minute (L/min) for a total of 20 liters (L) of gas per sample.



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Each pair of traps will be analyzed separately to evaluate breakthrough. Breakthrough is present if the catch on the second tube exceeds 30 percent of the catch on the first tube and is above 75 nanograms (ng).

#### **3.4.9 CARBON MONOXIDE AND OXYGEN**

The facility's continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) will be used to measure the concentration of CO and oxygen in the stack gas during the CPT condition.

A continuous sample of stack gas will be withdrawn via a sample probe. The sampled gas will be filtered and will be passed through a conditioning system for removal of particulates and moisture prior to being sent to the analyzer. The CO concentration will be reported in parts per million by volume dry basis (ppmv dry) corrected to seven percent oxygen.

The permit requires that the CO and oxygen CEMS comply with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 266 Appendix IX. Performance and calibration of the CEMS during the CPT will follow the requirements of 40 CFR Part 266 Appendix IX and the continuous monitoring systems (CMS) performance evaluation test (PET) plan.

### **3.5 SAMPLING QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES**

Specific sampling QC procedures will be followed to ensure the production of useful and valid data throughout the course of this test program.

Prior to the start of testing, all sampling equipment will be thoroughly checked to ensure clean and operable components and to ensure that no damage occurred during shipping. Once the equipment has been set up, the manometer used to measure pressure across the pitot tube will be leveled and zeroed, and the number and location of all sampling traverse points will be checked.

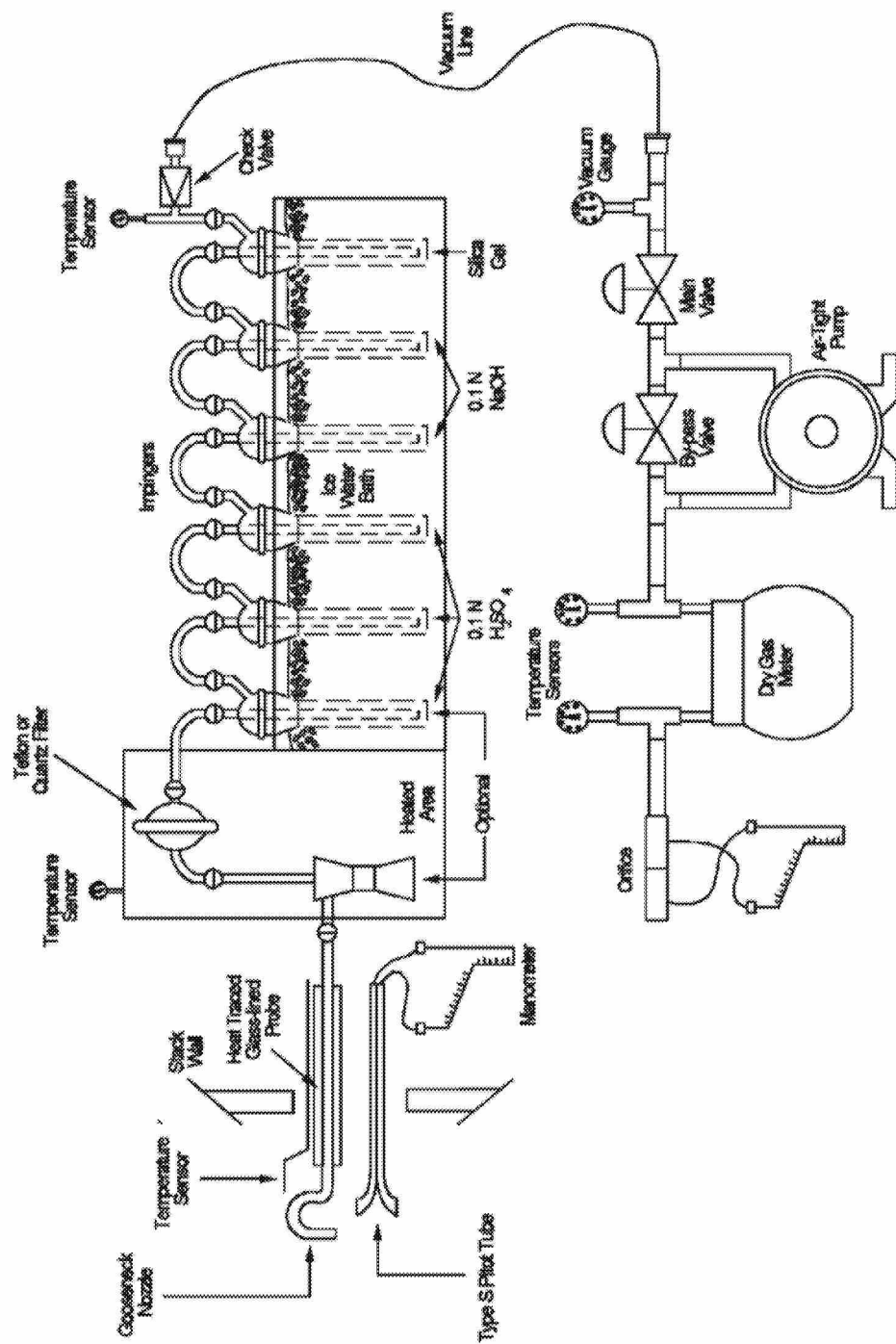
At the start of each test day and throughout the testing, all sample train components will be checked to ensure that they remain in good condition and continue to operate properly. Electrical components will be checked for damaged wiring or bad connections. All glassware will be inspected to make sure no cracks or chips are present.

All sampling trains will be assembled and recovered in a mobile laboratory to ensure a clean environment, free of uncontrolled dust. To ensure that the sampling trains are free of contamination, all glassware will remain sealed until assembly of the sampling train.

Pre-test and post-test leak checks will be performed for each sampling train, as required by the respective test methods. Care will be taken to make sure that all sampling trains are being operated within the specifications of their respective method.

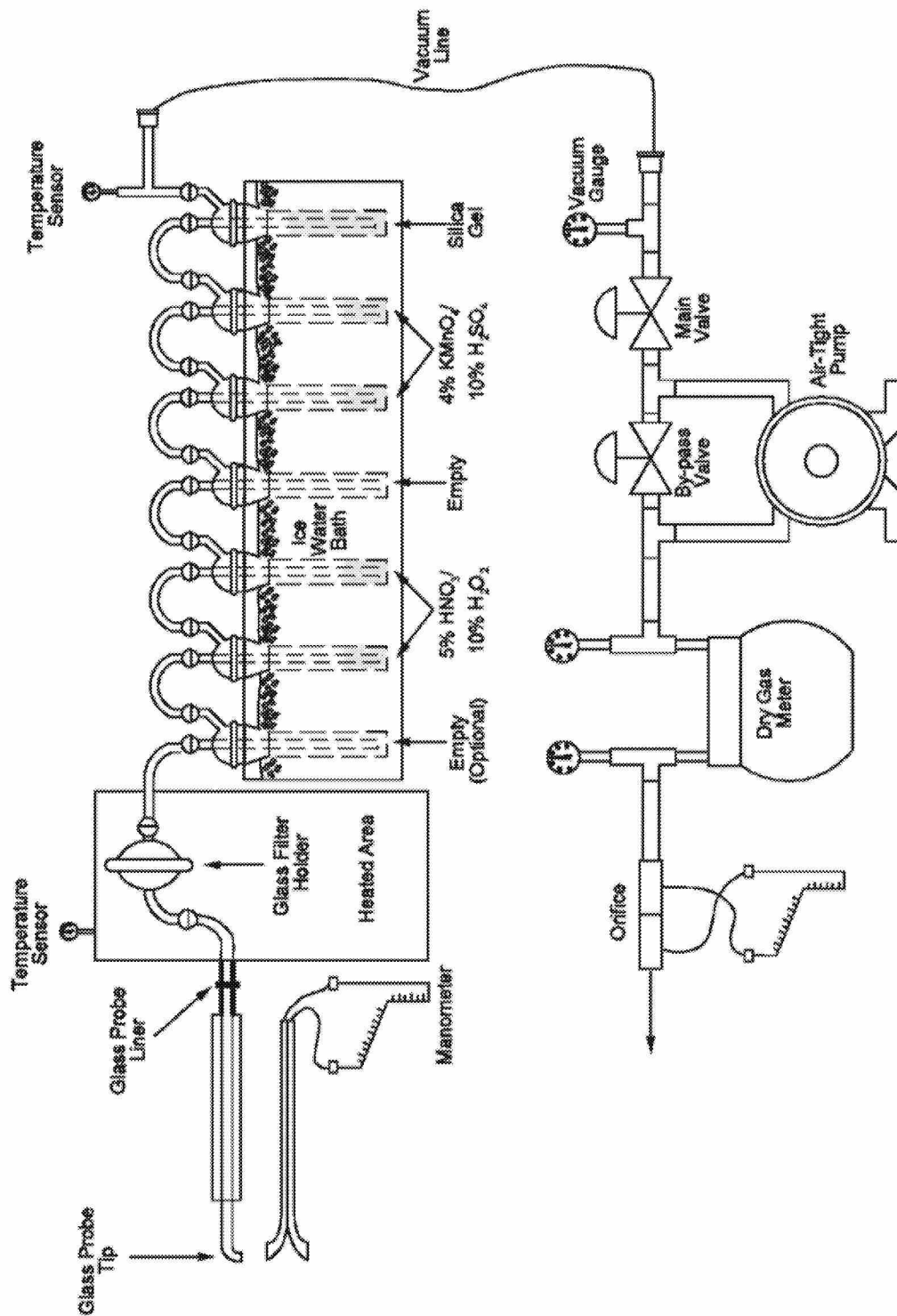
At the end of testing each day, all sampling equipment will be sealed and covered to protect from possible contamination and weather damage.

FIGURE 3-1  
USEPA METHODS 5 AND 26A SAMPLING TRAIN



Note: If high HCl concentrations are expected, an additional empty impinger may be added between the acid and alkaline impingers.

FIGURE 3-2  
USEPA METHOD 29 SAMPLING TRAIN



Note: If mercury is not an analyte, the fourth through sixth impingers are not required.

FIGURE 3-3  
SW-846 METHOD 0023A SAMPLING TRAIN

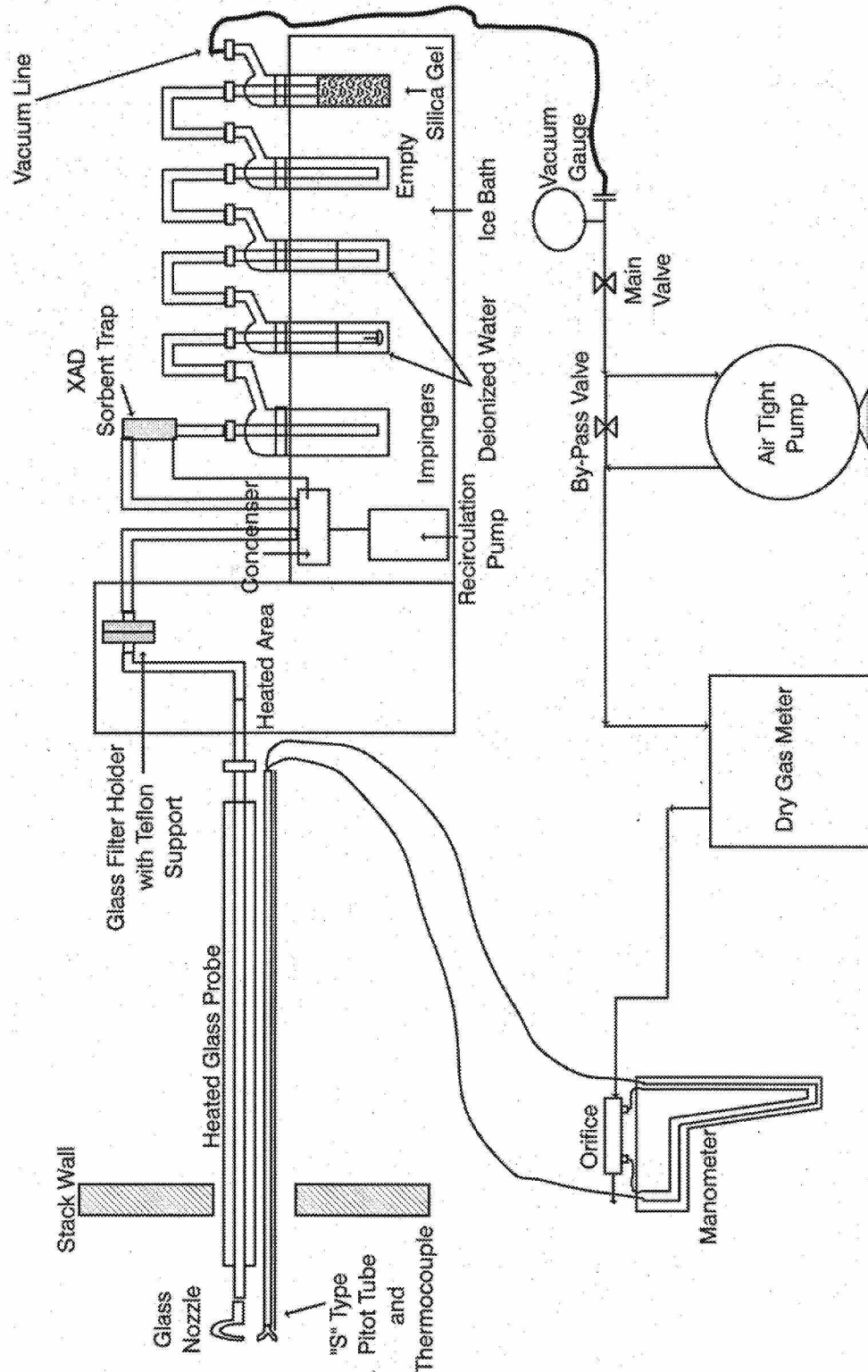
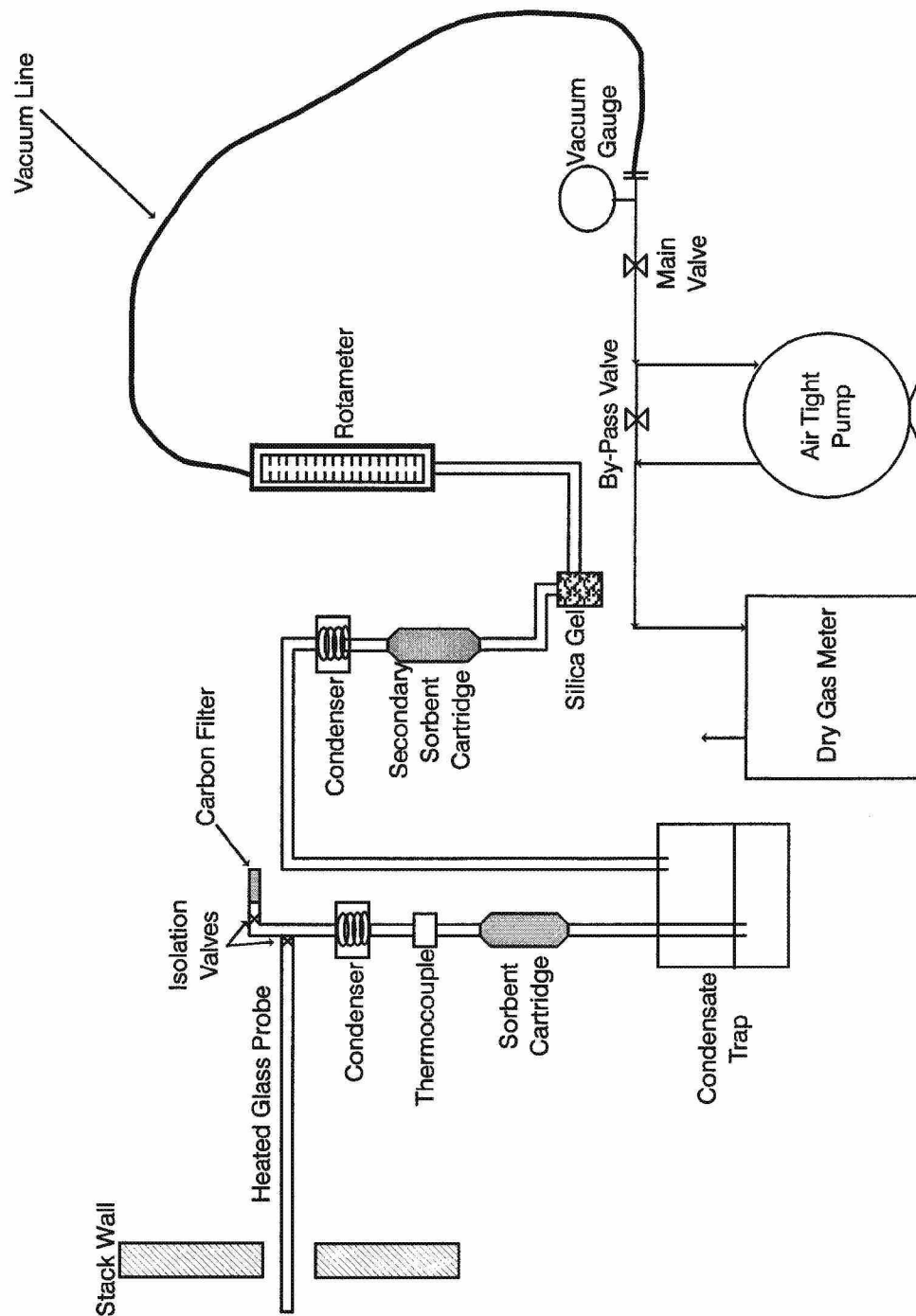


FIGURE 3-4  
SW-846 METHOD 0030 SAMPLING TRAIN



## 4.0 SAMPLE HANDLING AND DOCUMENTATION

Sample custody procedures for this program are based on procedures from *Handbook: QA/QC Procedures for Hazardous Waste Incineration* (QA/QC Handbook) and SW-846, Chapter One. The procedures that will be used are discussed below.

### 4.1 FIELD SAMPLING OPERATIONS

The stack sampling contractor will be responsible for ensuring that custody and sample tracking documentation procedures are followed for the field sampling and field analytical efforts.

Documentation of all sample collection activities will be recorded on pre-printed data collection forms.

Table 4-1 provides a summary of sample custody documentation requirements.

**TABLE 4-1**  
**SAMPLE CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

CUSTODY DOCUMENT	REQUIRED INFORMATION
Sample identification log	List of all samples taken
	Time and date of sampling
	Description of sample
	Unique identifier for each sample
Sample data forms	Sampler's name
	Date and time of sample collection
	Sampling technique
	Compositing technique (waste samples)
	Sample identifier
	Sampling location
Chain of custody	Identifier of every sample shipped
	Sample preservation requirements
	Analysis and preparation procedures requested
	Signature of individual relinquishing sample custody

Samples will be collected, transported, and stored in clean containers that are constructed of materials inert to the analytical matrix, such as glass jars. Only containers that allow airtight seals will be used. Amber glass will be employed when specified by the method. All waste feed samples that are collected will be packed by the stack sampling contractor for transfer or shipment to the appropriate laboratories. Sample tracking and custody forms, which include sample identification and analysis requests, will be enclosed in the sample shipment container.

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Upon receipt by the laboratory, information pertaining to the samples will be recorded on the sample tracking and custody form or an attachment to the form. The laboratory will note the overall condition of the samples, including the temperature of the samples upon receipt. The laboratory will also note any discrepancy in the sample identification between the sample labels and the custody forms. The signature of the person receiving the samples will be provided on the chain of custody (COC).

Every record pertaining to sample collection activities, including, but not limited to, stack sampling data sheets, process sample data sheets, sample tracking forms, sample identification log, sampling equipment calibration forms, balance calibration forms, and reagent preparation will be submitted with the report to provide evidence that the samples were handled properly, taken at the correct time and in the correct manner, assigned a unique identifier, received intact by the laboratory, and preserved as appropriate. Adherence to the holding times indicated in Section 5, Tables 5-1 and 5-2, will be noted in the laboratory analytical results.

## **4.2 FIELD LABORATORY OPERATIONS**

The stack sampling contractor will provide an onsite laboratory trailer for sample train assembly and recovery and documentation and recordkeeping activities. Sample tracking documentation, shipping records, reagent and standards traceability, and all sampling activity records will be maintained in the laboratory trailer.

Documentation of onsite analytical activities, such as calibration, standards traceability, sample preparation steps, and raw measurement results will also be maintained onsite.

## 5.0 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical methods to be used during this test effort are detailed in Tables 5-1 and 5-2. Table 5-1 presents the analytical methods for waste samples. Table 5-2 presents the analytical methods for stack gas samples. These tables present the referenced analytical method, the laboratory performing the analysis, the extraction and analysis holding time, and if required, the sample preservation and sample preparation method. Collection of these samples was described in Section 3. Note that the tables in Section 3 specified which samples are to be collected using which methods; the tables included in this section specify the preparation and analytical methods to be used to evaluate each sample.

**TABLE 5-1**  
**SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS PROCEDURES FOR WASTE SAMPLES**

PARAMETER	ANALYTICAL METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>	PRESERVATIVE REQUIRED	EXTRACTION HOLDING TIME (DAYS)	ANALYSIS HOLDING TIME (DAYS)	PREPARATION METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	SW-846 Method 6010C	NA <sup>3</sup>	NA	180	SW-846 Method 3010A
Mercury	SW-846 Method 7470A or 7471B	Ice	NA	28	NA
Chlorine	SW-846 Method 9056	NA	NA	28	SW-846 Method 5050
Chlorobenzene	SW-846 Method 8260B	Ice	NA	14	SW-846 Method 5030B

<sup>1</sup> SW-846 refers to *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Third Edition*.

<sup>2</sup> All methods will be performed in accordance with the laboratory's LELAP-approved SOP.

<sup>3</sup> NA indicates not applicable.



**TABLE 5-2**  
**SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS PROCEDURES FOR STACK GAS SAMPLES**

PARAMETER	ANALYTICAL METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>	PRESERVATIVE REQUIRED	EXTRACTION HOLDING TIME (DAYS)	ANALYSIS HOLDING TIME (DAYS)	PREPARATION METHOD <sup>1,2</sup>
Molecular weight	USEPA Method 3A	NA <sup>3</sup>	NA	NA	NA
Moisture	USEPA Method 4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Particulate matter	USEPA Method 5	NA	NA	180	NA
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	USEPA Method 26A	NA	NA	28	NA
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	SW-846 Method 6010C	NA	NA	180	USEPA Method 29
Mercury	SW-846 Method 7470A	NA	NA	28	USEPA Method 29
Dioxins and furans	SW-846 Methods 0023A and 8290A <sup>4</sup>	≤6°F in the dark	30	45 following extraction	SW-846 Methods 0023A and 8290A <sup>4</sup>
Benzene	SW-846 Method 8260B	Ice	NA	14	SW-846 Method 5041A
Carbon monoxide and oxygen	Facility CEMS	NA	NA	NA	NA

<sup>1</sup> SW-846 refers to *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Third Edition*. USEPA Method refers to New Source Performance Standards, Test Methods and Procedures, Appendix A, 40 CFR Part 60.

<sup>2</sup> All methods will be performed in accordance with the laboratory's LELAP-approved SOP.

<sup>3</sup> NA indicates not applicable.

<sup>4</sup> Methods will be performed in accordance with the LELAP-approved SOP KNOX-ID-0004.

## 6.0 DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this test program is to demonstrate compliance with the performance standards of Condition V.G.10 of the permit. CWM is committed to ensuring that the data generated during this project are scientifically valid, defensible, complete, and of known precision and accuracy. These objectives can be best achieved by applying the requirements of USEPA accepted methodology as well as the more specific recommendations and guidelines for test burns. To ensure the consistency and adequacy of plans, reports, and overall data quality, guidance from Chapter One of SW-846 and the QA/QC Handbook has been integrated into the approaches and philosophies of this QAPP.

Key measures of performance include the objectives for precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability (commonly referred to as PARCC parameters). This section presents project-specific data quality objectives for this CPT. These objectives represent the level of data quality that would be considered acceptable for valid decision making, as measured in a manner that best reflects performance in the actual project matrices. These objectives will be communicated to the entire project team, including onsite sampling personnel and offsite contract laboratories.

### 6.1 QUALITY CONTROL PARAMETERS

QC objectives include precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, and completeness. Typical QC parameters include matrix spike (MS) and MS duplicate (MSD) samples, laboratory control sample (LCS) and LCS duplicate (LCSD) samples, surrogates, standards, spikes, and duplicates. Tables 6-1 and 6-2 provide the project specific QC procedures for assessing accuracy and precision for critical measurement parameters. Critical parameters are those that directly relate to the demonstration of regulatory compliance. These tables list the parameter of analysis, the QC parameter, the QC procedure, the frequency at which accuracy and precision are determined, and the objective.

**TABLE 6-1**  
**QUALITY CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR WASTE SAMPLES**

ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS	QC PARAMETER	QC PROCEDURE	FREQUENCY <sup>1</sup>	OBJECTIVE <sup>1</sup>
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	Precision	Field duplicate	One per test program	≤25% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Precision	Matrix spike duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤20% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
	Accuracy	Matrix spike	Two per analytical batch	75-125% recovery
Mercury	Precision	Field duplicate	One per test program	≤25% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Precision	Matrix spike duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤20% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	90-110% recovery
	Accuracy	Matrix spike	Two per analytical batch	85-115% recovery
Chlorine	Precision	Field duplicate	One per test program	≤20% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
		Sample duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤10% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
		Matrix spike duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤10% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
		Matrix spikes	Two per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
Chlorobenzene	Precision	Field duplicate	One per test program	≤20% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Precision	Matrix spike duplicate <sup>3</sup>	One per condition	≤24% relative percent difference <sup>2</sup>
	Precision	Surrogates	One per condition	≤35% relative standard deviation of recovery
	Accuracy	Matrix spike <sup>3</sup>	Two per condition	54-145% recovery
	Accuracy	Surrogates	Every sample	75-137% recovery for toluene-d8

<sup>1</sup> Unless specified otherwise, the frequency and objective provided for each parameter are based on specifications in the analytical method.

<sup>2</sup> If the concentrations are less than five times the reporting limit, the laboratory will be unable to control these limits.

<sup>3</sup> Matrix spikes are not applicable on samples with greater than 0.1% of the target analyte.

**TABLE 6-2**  
**QUALITY CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR STACK GAS SAMPLES**

ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS	QC PARAMETER	QC PROCEDURE	FREQUENCY <sup>1</sup>	OBJECTIVE <sup>1</sup>
Particulate matter	Precision	Sample duplicate	Every sample	≤0.5 mg difference
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
	Accuracy	Matrix spike	One per analytical batch	90-110% recovery
	Precision	Matrix spike duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤25% relative percent difference
	Precision	Duplicate injections	Every sample	≤5% difference from mean
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
	Accuracy	Post digestion spike	One per analytical sequence	75-125% recovery
	Precision	Laboratory control sample duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤25% relative percent difference
Mercury	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	One per analytical batch	80-120% recovery
	Accuracy	Matrix spike	One per back-half analytical batch	75-125% recovery
	Accuracy	Post digestion spike	One front-half sample	75-125% recovery
	Precision	Matrix spike duplicate	One per back-half analytical batch	≤25% relative percent difference
Dioxins and furans	Precision	Laboratory control sample duplicate	One per analytical batch	≤50% relative percent difference
	Accuracy	Extraction standards	Every sample	40-135% recovery
	Accuracy	Sampling standards	Every back-half sample	70-130% recovery
	Accuracy	Laboratory control samples	Two per analytical batch	70-130% recovery

**TABLE 6-2 (CONTINUED)**  
**QUALITY CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR STACK GAS SAMPLES**

ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS	QC PARAMETER	QC PROCEDURE	FREQUENCY <sup>1</sup>	OBJECTIVE <sup>1</sup>
Chlorobenzene	Precision	Laboratory control sample duplicate	One per analytical batch	Sorbent: ≤26% relative percent difference Condensate: ≤20% relative percent difference
	Accuracy	Surrogates	Every sample	Sorbent: 57-134% recovery for toluene-d8 Condensate: 79-120% recovery for toluene-d8
	Accuracy	Laboratory control sample	Two per analytical batch	Sorbent: 65-120% recovery Condensate: 77-120% recovery

<sup>1</sup> Unless specified otherwise, the frequency and objective provided for each parameter are based on specifications in the analytical method.

### 6.1.1 PRECISION

Precision is a measure of the reproducibility of results under a given set of conditions. It is expressed in terms of the distribution, or scatter, of replicate measurement results, calculated as the relative standard deviation (RSD) or, for duplicates, as relative percent difference (RPD). RPD and RSD values are calculated using the following equations:

$$RPD = \left( \frac{|X_1 - X_2|}{\text{avg } X} \right) \times 100$$

$$RSD = \left( \frac{STDEV}{\text{avg } X} \right) \times 100$$

Where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  represent each of the duplicate results.

### 6.1.2 ACCURACY

Accuracy is a measure of the difference between an analysis result and the “true” value. Accuracy is expressed in terms of percent recovery (*e.g.*, for surrogates, spikes, and reference material). Percent recovery for spiked samples, such as MS samples, is calculated using the following equation:

$$\% \text{ Recovery} = \left( \frac{SSR - SR}{SA} \right) \times 100$$

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Where:

SSR = Spiked sample result

SR = Sample result

SA = Spike added

Percent recovery for other QC parameters, such as LCS, surrogates, and standards, is calculated using the following equation:

$$\% \text{ Recovery} = \left( \frac{\text{Measured Value}}{\text{True Value}} \right) \times 100$$

### **6.1.3 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

Representativeness is defined as the degree to which data accurately and precisely represent a characteristic of a population, a parameter variations at a sampling point, a process condition, or an environmental condition. An appropriate sampling strategy that addresses collection of representative samples in time and space is crucial to subsequent decision-making and defensibility of the data. There are no numerical objectives for representativeness. The selection of suitable locations and sampling strategies, as described in this QAPP, and adherence to sample collection protocols are the bases for ensuring representativeness.

### **6.1.4 COMPARABILITY**

Comparability is defined as expressing the confidence with which one data set can be compared to another. There are no numerical objectives for comparability. A representative sample whose results are comparable to other data sets is ensured primarily through the use of standard reference sampling and analytical methods. Reported in common units, the results generated should thus be comparable to those obtained from other emissions tests and allow for consistent decision-making.

### **6.1.5 COMPLETENESS**

Completeness is defined as “the amount of valid data obtained from a measurement system compared to the amount that was expected to be obtained under optimal normal conditions.” Completeness can be defined quantitatively using the following equation:

$$\% \text{ Completeness} = \left( \frac{\text{No. of Valid Data}}{\text{No. of Data Planned}} \right) \times 100$$

In the overall project context, the target is 100 percent completeness, which for a valid test condition is defined as consisting of three valid test runs. A valid test run is one in which sufficient valid data are presented to make any necessary demonstrations and to enable the permit writer/reviewer to write appropriate permit conditions or to be confident about demonstration of compliance with a current permit or regulation.

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A run can be valid even though the completeness objective of 100 percent for the data package is not achieved. Given the possibility of human error (and other unpredictable problems) and the inability of collecting additional samples after a test is completed, the impact of achieving less than 100 percent completeness must be assessed in the specific situation, rather than arbitrarily rejecting all the useable scientific information for the run without such consideration. For example, satisfying the completeness objective for a single piece of analytical data includes providing documentation that proves the following:

- An acceptable number of sub-samples were collected and composited;
- Compositing procedures were followed;
- The sample collection log was completed;
- Shipping documents and laboratory instructions were prepared and followed;
- The correct analytical procedures were followed;
- Any necessary modifications to methodology were documented and justified;
- Approved laboratory records were complete;
- Proper data reduction procedures were followed; and
- Analytical instrument printouts were included.

Clearly, the failure of a sampler to note the time a sub-sample was taken (where the previous and following sample times are noted) has less impact on the validity and acceptability of a data package than a failure by the laboratory to demonstrate that the analytical instrument was properly calibrated.

Any errors or omissions in a data package will be identified and accompanied by a discussion of the potential impact on the validity of the data package, the conclusions of the report, and the demonstration of performance standards for the consideration and approval of the LDEQ.

## **6.2 EVALUATION OF CONTAMINATION EFFECTS**

Various blanks will be collected throughout the test program to evaluate the effects of contamination on results. Field blanks will be collected during the test program as required by the respective method. Blank samples of all reagents used in the stack sampling program will also be collected. Method blanks will be prepared and analyzed by the respective laboratories to evaluate the cleanliness of sample handling and preparation and overall laboratory practices. Since field and reagent blanks cannot be collected for waste samples, the laboratory method blank will be used to determine the effects of contamination for waste analyses.

Table 6-3 provides the type and acceptance criteria for each stack gas blank to be analyzed. These blanks, as well as the laboratory method blanks for the waste samples, provide critical information on the potential contamination that may occur in test program samples. The results of blank analyses can

prove very useful when attempting to understand anomalies in data, or generally higher than expected test results.

**TABLE 6-3**  
**BLANK ANALYSIS OBJECTIVES FOR STACK GAS SAMPLES**

ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS	BLANK TYPE	FREQUENCY	OBJECTIVE
Particulate matter	Reagent blank	One per test program	<0.001 percent
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	Method blank	One per analytical batch	<Reporting limit
	Reagent blanks	One per test program	<Reporting limit
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury	Initial calibration blank	Following initial calibration verification	<Reporting limit
	Continuing calibration blank	Following continuing calibration verification	<Reporting limit
	Method blank	One per batch	<Reporting limit
	Reagent blanks	One set per test program	<Reporting limit
Dioxins and furans	Field blank	One per test program	<Reporting limit
	Method blank	One per analytical batch	<Reporting limit
	Reagent blanks	One set per test program	Archived <sup>1</sup>
Chlorobenzene	Field blank	One per condition	<Reporting limit
	Trip blank	One per shipment	Archived <sup>1</sup>
	Method blank	One per analytical batch	<Reporting limit
	Reagent blanks	One set per test program	Archived <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The specified reagent blanks will initially be archived. These blanks will only be analyzed if the field blank indicates possible sample contamination. Possible contamination will be assessed using the objectives for field blanks stated in this table.

### 6.3 PERFORMANCE AUDITS

On September 13, 2010, the USEPA issued a final rule to restructure the stationary source audit program. The program requires that audit samples be analyzed along with the samples collected while testing for regulatory compliance. This analysis helps the regulatory agency determine the validity of compliance test results. The rule requires sources to obtain and use audit samples from accredited providers. The USEPA has approved the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) Institute (TNI) Stationary Source Audit Program to provide accredited audit samples.

Audit samples are currently available for USEPA Method 26A (HCl only) and USEPA Method 29. CWM will obtain the required audit samples prior to the CPT. Audit samples will only be obtained if the expected concentration is within the Stationary Source Audit Sample (SSAS) Table certified concentration range (<http://www.nelac-institute.org/ssas/>).



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## **6.4 CORRECTIVE ACTION**

During any testing project, simple or complex, there is potential that deviations from data quality objectives may occur. This section gives corrective action procedures to be used to mitigate such problems.

### **6.4.1 EQUIPMENT FAILURE**

Any equipment found to be out of calibration or operating improperly will be repaired or replaced before additional measurements are made. If equipment repair is made onsite, calibrations will be performed in accordance with the applicable methods prior to use. It may be necessary to transport equipment offsite for calibration. If calibrations cannot be performed, the equipment will not be used. If measurements are made with equipment subsequently found to be out of calibration or operating improperly, a detailed explanation of the cause of the malfunction will be provided. The effect of the malfunction on the data will be assessed, and the data will be qualified.

### **6.4.2 ANALYTICAL DEVIATIONS**

For analyses where a method QC check sample, such as a method blank, does not meet method specifications, the problem will be investigated to determine the cause as well as any corrective action that should be taken. Once the corrective action has been taken, the analysis will be re-examined to verify that the problem has been eliminated.

In instances of out of specification spikes or calibrations, the samples involved will be re-extracted or reanalyzed if possible. In those instances where reanalyzing the sample is not possible, corrective measures will be taken to improve method performance prior to analysis of the next batch of samples.

Results for samples where matrix interferences preclude meeting objectives for recoveries of surrogates or spikes will be evaluated for potential bias to calculated emission results.

### **6.4.3 CONTAMINATION**

The handling procedures samples taken during this test project, from blank testing to sample collection and analysis, are designed to eliminate contamination by limiting their exposure to contaminants in the ambient air and other outside sources. If levels of contamination are present above the reporting limits in the analyzed blanks, the archived blank samples will be analyzed. Corrective action will be taken if the results of the field blanks are significantly different from those of the reagent blanks or trip blanks. This comparison will indicate whether high levels in the field blank are due to contamination from exposure to outside sources, contamination of reagent materials, or, in the case of resin traps, from degradation of the traps.

### **6.4.4 PROCEDURAL DEVIATIONS**

SOPs for the methods being performed will be available onsite during all testing. CWM and the project team will determine an appropriate action in all cases where standard procedures cannot resolve the problem. The action will be implemented after approval from the representatives of the LDEQ.

## 7.0 CALIBRATION PROCEDURES AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

This section presents a brief discussion of calibration and routine maintenance procedures to be used for sampling and analytical equipment. Criteria for analytical calibrations are also included. Calibration procedures for each analytical method are discussed in detail within the methods.

### 7.1 SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

All sampling equipment will be provided by the stack sampling contractor. The equipment will be calibrated prior to arrival onsite and after all testing has been completed. The sampling equipment calibration requirements and acceptance limits are listed in Table 7-1.

The equipment will be calibrated according to the criteria specified in the reference method being employed. In addition, the stack sampling contractor will follow the guidelines set forth in the *Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume III, Stationary Source Specific Methods*. When these methods are inapplicable, methods such as those prescribed by the ASTM International (ASTM) will be used. Dry gas meters, orifices, nozzles, and pitot tubes are calibrated in accordance with these documents. The range of the calibration is specified for all environmental measurements to encompass the range of probable experimental values. This approach ensures that all results are based upon interpolative analyses rather than extrapolative analyses. Calibrations are designed to include, where practical, at least four measurement points evenly spaced over the range. This practice minimizes the probability that false assumptions of calibration linearity will be made. In addition, it is common practice to select, when practical, at least one calibration value that approximates the levels anticipated in the actual measurement.

Data obtained during calibrations are recorded on standardized forms, which are checked for completeness and accuracy. Data reduction and subsequent calculations are performed using computer software. Calculations are checked at least twice for accuracy. Copies of calibration forms will be included in the test or project reports.

**TABLE 7-1**  
**SAMPLING EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION REQUIREMENTS**

STACK GAS PARAMETER	QUALITY PARAMETER	METHOD OF DETERMINATION	FREQUENCY	CRITERIA
Gas flow	Pitot tube angle and dimensions	Measurements with a vernier micrometer and angle indicator	Pre-test and post-test	To specifications in USEPA Method 2
	Barometer	Calibrated vs. National Weather Service station	Pre-test and post-test	Within 0.1 inches mercury
	Stack gas thermocouple	Calibrated vs. ASTM mercury-in-glass thermometer	Pre-test and post-test	Within 1.5% as °R
Isokinetic sampling trains	Dry gas meter	Calibrated against a reference wet test meter	Pre-test and post-test	1. Y within 0.05 of pre-test Y 2. H@ within 0.15 of pre-test
	Probe nozzle <sup>1</sup>	Measurements with a vernier micrometer to 0.001 inches	Pre-test	Maximum difference in any two dimensions within 0.004 inches
	Dry gas meter thermocouples	Calibrated vs. ASTM mercury-in-glass thermometer	Pre-test and post-test	Within 1.5% as °R
	Trip balance	Calibrated vs. standard weights	Pre-test	Within 0.5 grams
Non-isokinetic sampling trains	Dry gas meter	Calibrated against a reference wet test meter	Pre-test and post-test	1. Y within 0.05 of pre-test Y 2. H@ within 0.15 of pre-test
	Dry gas meter thermocouples	Calibrated vs. ASTM mercury-in-glass thermometer	Pre-test and post-test	Within 1.5% as °R
Carbon dioxide and oxygen analyzers	Analyzer calibration error test	Checked using USEPA Protocol 1 calibration gases	Before the test run and after any failed system bias or drift check	±2% of calibration span
	System bias test	Checked using USEPA Protocol 1 calibration gases	Before and after each test run	±5% of calibration span
	System drift check	Checked using USEPA Protocol 1 calibration gases	After the post-test system bias test	±3% of calibration span
Carbon monoxide analyzer (Facility CEMS)	Calibration drift check	Checked using calibration gases	Daily	±3% of calibration span
Oxygen analyzer (Facility CEMS)	Calibration drift check	Checked using calibration gases	Daily	±0.5% volume

<sup>1</sup> Glass or Quartz nozzles will be used, and the calibration cannot change.

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### **7.1.1 PITOT TUBES**

Each pitot tube is inspected in accordance with the geometry standards contained in USEPA Method 2. A calibration coefficient is calculated for each pitot tube.

### **7.1.2 DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE GAUGES**

Fluid manometers do not require calibration other than leak checks. Manometers are leak-checked in the field prior to each test series and again upon completion of testing.

### **7.1.3 DIGITAL TEMPERATURE INDICATOR**

One digital temperature indicator is used to determine the flue gas temperature, probe temperature, oven temperature, impinger outlet temperature, and dry gas meter temperature. The digital temperature indicator is calibrated over a seven-point range (32 to 375°F) using an ASTM mercury-in-glass thermometer as a reference. The calibration is acceptable if the agreement is within  $\pm 1.5$  percent in degrees Rankine ( $^{\circ}\text{R}$ ) in the temperature range of 492 to 654°R (32 to 194°F).

### **7.1.4 DRY GAS METER AND ORIFICE**

A calibrated wet test meter is used as a reference meter to fully calibrate the dry gas meter and orifice. For the orifice, an orifice calibration factor is calculated for each of the 18 flow settings. For the dry gas meter, the full calibration provides the calibration factor of the dry gas meter.

### **7.1.5 BAROMETER**

The stack sampling contractor personnel will calibrate the barometer prior to arrival onsite against a National Weather Service station.

### **7.1.6 NOZZLE**

Glass nozzles will be calibrated onsite using a micrometer. Eight readings will be taken at quarter turns, followed by two measurements at random. The arithmetic average of the values obtained during the calibration is used.

### **7.1.7 CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORS**

The stack sampling contractor will supply CEMS to measure the concentrations of carbon dioxide and oxygen in the stack gas. The monitors will be calibrated according to the procedures outlined in the respective test methods.

The facility's CEMS will be used to measure the concentrations of CO and oxygen in the stack gas. A calibration drift check is performed daily as required by 40 CFR Part 266 Appendix IX.

## 7.2 ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT

Analytical equipment calibration and QC procedures and internal QC checks are included to ensure accuracy of the measurements made by laboratory equipment. Table 7-2 provides a summary of the calibration and QC checks included for each analytical method for this test program.

**TABLE 7-2**  
**SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS**

PARAMETER	QUALITY CONTROL CHECK	METHOD OF DETERMINATION	FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
Particulate matter	Calibration check	Class S weights	Daily	≤0.5 milligrams
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	Initial calibration	Four levels	Initially and as needed	$r \geq 0.995$
	Continuing accuracy check	Instrument calibration verification	Following initial calibration	±10% difference
	Continuing calibration	Midpoint standard	Every 10 samples	±10% difference
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	Initial calibration	Calibration blank with at least one standard	Daily before analysis	Analysis of second calibration standard ±10 % difference
	Calibration check	Instrument calibration verification	Following initial calibration	±10% difference with relative standard deviation <5% from replicate (minimum of two) integrations
	Serial dilution	Five-fold dilution of sample digestate	1 per batch	For samples >50x instrument detection limit, dilutions must agree within 10%
	Interference check	Interference check sample A/AB analysis	Beginning of sequence	1. <2x reporting limit for applicable analytes 2. Recovery ±20% (as applicable)
	Continuing calibration	Continuing calibration verification	Every 10 samples and at the end of the sequence	±10% difference with relative standard deviation <5% from replicate (minimum of two) integrations
Mercury	Initial calibration	Calibration blank and five standards	Daily before analysis	$r \geq 0.995$
	Calibration check	Instrument calibration verification	Following initial calibration	±10% difference
	Continuing calibration	Continuing calibration verification	Every 10 samples and at the end of the sequence	±20% difference

**TABLE 7-2 (CONTINUED)**  
**SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS**

PARAMETER	QUALITY CONTROL CHECK	METHOD OF DETERMINATION	FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
Dioxins and furans	Initial calibration	Five high resolution concentration calibration solutions	Prior to sample analysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mean relative response factor for unlabeled standards: &lt;20% relative standard deviation</li> <li>2. Mean relative response factor for labeled reference compounds: &lt;30% relative standard deviation</li> </ol>
	Calibration verification	Midlevel standard	At the beginning and end of each 12-hour shift	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Response factors within <math>\pm 20\%</math> of the initial calibration mean relative response factor for unlabeled standards in beginning standard</li> <li>2. Response factors within <math>\pm 25\%</math> of the initial calibration mean relative response factor for unlabeled standards in ending standard</li> <li>3. Response factors within <math>\pm 30\%</math> of the initial calibration mean relative response factor for labeled standards in beginning standard</li> <li>4. Response factors within <math>\pm 35\%</math> of the initial calibration mean relative response factor for unlabeled standards in ending standard</li> </ol>
	Retention time window verification and gas chromatograph column performance	Monitor retention times, verify gas chromatograph column performance	At the beginning of each 12-hour shift	Compliance with Section 9.6.2 of SW-846 Method 8290A
Chlorobenzene	Initial calibration	Five levels, as per target list	Prior to sample analysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compounds with linear response factor, relative standard deviation of initial calibration <math>\leq 15\%</math></li> <li>2. Compounds with non-linear response factor, correlation coefficient or coefficient of determination <math>\geq 0.99</math></li> <li>3. Relative response factors for system performance check compounds: <math>\geq 0.10</math> for chloromethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, and bromoform, <math>\geq 0.30</math> for 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane and chlorobenzene</li> <li>4. Relative response factor of calibration check compounds: <math>\pm 30\%</math> relative standard deviation</li> </ol>

**TABLE 7-2 (CONTINUED)**  
**SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS**

PARAMETER	QUALITY CONTROL CHECK	METHOD OF DETERMINATION	FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
Chlorobenzene	Continuing calibration	Continuing calibration verification	Every 12 hours following tune as required	1. Response factor for system performance check compounds: Same as initial calibration 2. Percent difference of calibration check compounds relative response factor from initial calibration: $\leq 20\%$
	Consistency in chromatography	Internal standards	Every sample and standard	1. Retention time relative to daily standard: $\leq 30$ seconds 2. Area counts relative to daily standard: 50-200%

### 7.3 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

To ensure the quality and reliability of the data obtained, preventative maintenance is performed on the sampling and analytical equipment. The following sections outline those procedures.

#### 7.3.1 SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

The potential impact of equipment malfunction on data completeness is minimized through two complimentary approaches. An in-house equipment maintenance program is part of routine operations. The maintenance program's strengths include:

- Availability of personnel experienced in the details of equipment maintenance and fabrication;
- Maintenance of an adequate spare parts inventory; and
- Availability of tools and specialized equipment.

For field equipment, preventive maintenance schedules are developed from historical data. Table 7-3 gives specific maintenance procedures for field equipment. Maintenance schedules for major analytical instruments (*e.g.*, balances, gas chromatographs) are based on manufacturer's recommendations.

**TABLE 7-3**  
**MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR FIELD SAMPLING EQUIPMENT**

EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES	SPARE PARTS
Vacuum system	Before and after field program: 1. Check oil and oiler jar 2. Leak check 3. Verify vacuum gauge is functional Yearly or as needed: 1. Replace valves in pump	Spare fluid
Inclined manometer	Before and after each field program: 1. Leak check 2. Check fluid for discoloration or visible matter Yearly or as needed: 1. Disassemble and clean 2. Replace fluid	Spare fluid, o-rings
Dry gas meter	Before and after each field program: 1. Check meter dial for erratic rotation Every 3 months: 1. Remove panels and check for excessive oil or corrosion 2. Disassemble and clean	None
Nozzles	Before and after each test: 1. Verify no dents, corrosion or other damage 2. Glass or quartz nozzles, check for chips and cracks	Spare nozzles
Diaphragm pump	Before and after each test: 1. Leak check, change diaphragm if needed	None
Miscellaneous	Check for availability of spare parts	Fuses, fittings, thermocouples, thermocouple wire, variable transformers.

### 7.3.2 ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT

In addition to including QC checks in the analysis of test program samples, the laboratories also perform regular inspection and maintenance of the laboratory equipment. Table 7-4 lists some of the routine maintenance procedures associated with the analytical equipment to be used in this test program.



**TABLE 7-4**  
**MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT**

PARAMETER	EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES
Hydrogen chloride and chlorine	Ion chromatograph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Check pump and gas pressure</li> <li>– Check all lines for crimping leaks and discoloration</li> </ul>
Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, and lead	Inductively coupled plasma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Check gases, vacuum pump and cooling water, nebulizer, capillary tubing, peristaltic pump, high voltage switch, exhaust screens and torch, glassware and aerosol injector tube</li> <li>– Clean plasma torch, nebulizer, and filters</li> <li>– Replace pump tubing</li> <li>– Clean and lubricate sampler arm</li> <li>– Clean power unit and coolant water filters</li> </ul>
Mercury	Atomic absorption analyzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Clean optic cell and tubing</li> <li>– Change stannous chloride and related tubing</li> <li>– Adjust/change mercury lamp</li> </ul>
Dioxins and furans	High resolution gas chromatograph/high resolution mass spectroscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Change rotary pump oil</li> <li>– Clean beam center/focus stack and outer source</li> <li>– Clean ion volume</li> <li>– Change source slit</li> </ul>
Chlorobenzene	Gas chromatograph/ mass spectroscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Redo tune</li> <li>– Replace filament(s)</li> </ul>

## 8.0 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION AND REPORTING

This section presents the approaches to be used to reduce, validate, and report measurement data. With respect to the CPT, a quality team of companies and laboratories will be working together to ensure the success of this project. The team will make certain that:

- All raw data packages are paginated and assigned a unique project number. Each project number will reflect the type of analyses performed (*i.e.*, organic, inorganic, waste feed, air emissions).
- The data packages contain a case narrative, sample description information, sample receipt information, COC documentation, and summary report. All associated QA/QC results, run/batch data, instrument calibration data, sample extraction/preparation logs, and chromatograms, *etc.* will be included in the final laboratory report. The report will also contain a list of validation qualifiers.
- These data are assigned to a specific appendix in the report for easy reference and data review.

### 8.1 DATA REDUCTION

The methods referenced in this QAPP for field measurements and lab analyses are standard methods and are routinely used for such measurements and analysis. Data reduction procedures will follow the specific calculations presented in the reference methods.

Extreme care will be exercised to ensure hand recorded data are written accurately and legibly. Additionally, prepared and formatted data recording forms will be required for all data collection. This is an important aid to verify that all necessary data items are recorded. The collected field and laboratory data will be reviewed for correctness and completeness.

The stack sampling contractor will reduce and validate all of the sampling and field measurement data that are collected. The sampling data will include flow measurements, calibrations, *etc.* The laboratory will reduce all analytical results prior to submission. The analytical data will be used to determine concentrations and emission rates of the compounds of interest. The manner in which the derived quantities will be reported is discussed in Section 8.3.

### 8.2 DATA VALIDATION

Validation demonstrates that a process, item, data set, or service satisfies the requirements defined by the user. For this program, review and evaluation of documents and records will be performed to assess the validity of samples collected, methodologies used, and data reported. This review comprises three parts: review of field documentation, review of laboratory data reports, and evaluation of data quality. The Quality Assurance Officer has ultimate responsibility for validating all data for this project.

The sampling and analytical methods for this program have been selected because of their accepted validity for these types of applications. Adherence to the accepted methods, as described in this QAPP

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and the laboratory's LELAP-approved SOPs, is the first criterion for validation. The effectiveness of the analytical methods as applied to this particular study will be evaluated based on project-specific quality indicators, such as audit samples, replicate samples, and matrix and surrogate spikes.

#### **8.2.1 REVIEW OF FIELD DOCUMENTATION**

Sample validation is intended to ensure that the samples collected are representative of the population under study. Criteria for acceptance include positive identification, documentation of sample shipment, preservation, and storage, and documentation demonstrating adherence to sample collection protocols and QC checks. As part of the review of field documentation, field data sheets and master logbooks will be checked for completeness, correctness, and consistency.

#### **8.2.2 LABORATORY REVIEW OF DATA**

The representative from each laboratory will approve all data results. The representative's signature will be included in the report. This signature will indicate that all QA/QC expectations were met. If expectations were not met, the discrepancies will be explained in the laboratory case narrative. The laboratory representatives will discuss the QA/QC issues and include the impact of these issues on the data results in the case narrative.

Laboratory raw data packages will include the following information:

- A table of contents for the raw data; and
- Numbered pages, correlating to the table of contents.

#### **8.2.3 EVALUATION OF DATA QUALITY**

The project team will review and evaluate the reported data. Data quality will be assessed. Review of the laboratory reports will result in an evaluation of the following parameters:

- Holding time for samples from date of collection to date of preparation and/or analysis;
- Sample storage conditions during the holding period prior to analysis;
- Tuning and calibration of instruments;
- PARCC parameter results and acceptance criteria;
- Blank sample analysis results; and
- Performance evaluation (audit) sample results, if applicable.

### **8.3 DATA REPORTING**

The CPT report will be submitted to LDEQ within 90 days of completing the testing, or an extension will be requested. Both electronic and hard copies of the report will be provided.

All data will be reported in the appropriate units as applicable to the sample stream and the method of analysis. Waste feed analytical results will be reported as concentrations by weight. Emission results will be reported on a concentration basis to allow comparison to the emission standards.

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Specific procedures will be followed when reporting test results. This section describes the conventions for detection limits, blank correction, and the use of significant figures.

### **8.3.1 MANAGEMENT OF NON-DETECTS**

There are several specific situations that will arise in which calculations will need to be performed, but the analytical results are non-detects (at some level). Contracted laboratories are requested to achieve the lowest detection limits possible for each of the methods included in this QAPP. All detection limits shall be defined in the laboratory reports. No data results shall be reported as “ND” without a defined numerical value provided as the detection limit.

The procedures for handling non-detects will be communicated to each laboratory and the stack sampling contractor. When dealing with detection limits and non-detect data, the following guidelines will be used:

- Reporting limits (RLs) or method detection limits (MDLs) will be used to report waste analytical data;
- RLs, MDLs, reliable detection limits (RDLs), or estimated detection limits (EDLs) will be used to report emissions analytical data, as appropriate;
- For D/F emissions results, the SW-846 Method 0023A train will be operated for a minimum of 180 minutes during each test run, and all non-detects will be assumed to be present at zero concentration, in accordance with 40 CFR § 63.1208(b)(1)(iii);
- For DRE calculations, a non-detect in waste feed will be treated as a zero, and a non-detect in the emissions will be treated as the RL (this will provide for the most conservative estimate of emission rates); and
- Any results that use non-detects will be reported as maxima (*i.e.*, with a less-than sign – “<”).

### **8.3.2 ROUNDING AND SIGNIFICANT FIGURES**

Observational results will be made with as many significant figures as possible. Rounding will be deferred until all resultant calculations have been made. The following rules will be applied in rounding data:

- When the digit after the one to be rounded is less than five, the one to be rounded is left unchanged; and
- When the digit after the one to be rounded is greater than or equal to five, the one to be rounded is increased by one.

Intermediate results will be presented in the final report at an appropriate level of significance (*i.e.*, rounded), although the derived, or resultant, calculations will be based on unrounded intermediate data. Consequently, it may not be possible to precisely reconstruct the resultant calculations on any particular table from the rounded intermediate results due to rounding errors.

## 9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTS

Activities affecting data quality will be reviewed by the project team daily in the field, and as appropriate during non-field efforts. This will allow assessment of the overall effectiveness of the QAPP. These reviews will include the following:

- Summary of key QA activities, stressing measures that are being taken to ensure adherence to the QAPP;
- Description of problems observed that may impact data quality and corrective actions taken;
- Status of sample shipment and integrity at time of receipt and progress of sample analysis;
- Assessment of the QC data gathered over that time period;
- Any changes in QA organizational activities and personnel; and
- Results of internal or external assessments and the plan for correcting identified deficiencies, if any.

The testing program will have multiple tiers of QA/QC reviews. The specific laboratory performing the analysis will review the data for which they are responsible, and the laboratory project manager will sign the analytical data reports. Any QA/QC anomalies will be discussed in the case narrative. The Project Coordinator and Quality Assurance Officer will also review the laboratory data package to discuss how the QA/QC anomalies may impact the emissions calculations. Any data that is determined to be invalid will be stated in the final report, and the impact of the invalid data on the test program will be assessed. Through this multiple tier process, all stages of the testing program will be tracked, monitored, reviewed, and documented.

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**Attachment A:**  
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**Attachment B:**  
**PROJECT TEAM RESUMES**

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## **SUMMARY**

Currently employed by Waste Management as an Environmental Protection Manager at the Chemical Waste Management – Lake Charles Facility. Have served in multiple capacities throughout career in the solid and hazardous waste industry. Existing and prior roles have included responsibilities related to landfill operations, capital project management and budgeting, and environmental permitting and monitoring.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MANAGER</b>
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<b>AUG 2013 – PRESENT</b>
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Environmental Protection Manager at the Chemical Waste Management – Lake Charles RCRA Hazardous Waste Transfer, Storage and Disposal Facility located in Carlyss, LA. Job specific functions include employee training, Agency communication, oversight of the facility's environmental monitoring and compliance inspection programs, and development, implementation and management of the systems used to ensure compliance with all RCRA, TSCA, CERCLA, Clean Air and Clean Water requirements.

<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT – LANDFILL OPERATIONS MANAGER</b>
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<b>NOV 2011 – AUG 2013</b>
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Landfill Operations Manager at the Waste Management Chastang Landfill located in Mt. Vernon, AL. Position required arrangement of customer and employee schedules to ensure smooth operations. Additional job functions included conducting regular safety meetings, developing innovative methods for reducing operational costs, preparing and accurately measuring site budgets, while acting as company liaison for local community relations.

<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST</b>
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<b>NOV 2008 – NOV 2011</b>
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Served as the Gulf Coast Area Environmental Specialist for Republic Services. Provided local and federal environmental guidance to various landfills, transfer stations and waste hauling divisions throughout the states of LA, MS, AL and FL. Initiated and assisted with permit renewals and modifications and effectively managed several environmental technicians. Completed the installation of a first of its kind phytoremediation landfill cap, utilizing landfill leachate.

**EDUCATION and EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Bachelor of Science  
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Successful completion of the SWLA Economic Alliance –  
Leadership Southwest Louisiana  
2015 Graduating Class

Current Member of the Louisiana SW Chapter  
Air and Waste Management Association  
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Volunteer  
2016 Louisiana Flood Relief (United Way)



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Heather has over 20 years experience in the permitting of combustion and incineration sources. She is a recognized expert in National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulations, including the Hazardous Waste Combustor (HWC) NESHAP and the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters (ICIB/PH) NESHAP. She also has extensive experience in Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permitting. Heather has assisted numerous facilities in their efforts to comply with these regulations.

**Expertise**

- HWC NESHAP compliance
- ICIB/PH NESHAP compliance
- Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) compliance
- RCRA permitting and trial burns
- Multi-pathway risk assessment
- Combustion system and air pollution control design and operation

**Project Experience**

*HWC NESHAP Compliance. Multiple Clients and Locations.* Assisted numerous clients through the various stages of HWC NESHAP compliance. Projects typically begin with a comprehensive compliance evaluation or "gap analysis." The gap analysis identifies the activities that would be necessary to bring the unit into compliance with the regulations. Developed Notifications of Intent to Comply (NICs) and presented at public meetings. Developed comprehensive performance test (CPT) plans, continuous monitoring system (CMS) performance evaluation test (PET) plans, and quality assurance project plans (QAPPs) for submittal to regulatory agencies for review and approval. Assisted with negotiations to obtain approval of plans. Provided oversight and coordination for the CPTs, typically acting as the main contact for regulators, stack testing contractors, waste spiking contractors, and laboratories. Prepared CPT reports and Notifications of Compliance, assisting with negotiations to obtain final "finding of compliance" from the regulatory agencies. Prepared the required operating plans for each unit, including feedstream analysis plans, startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) plans, operation and maintenance plans, and CMS performance evaluation plan. Developed operator training and certification programs and provided onsite training.

*RCRA Permitting. Multiple Clients and Locations.* Assisted numerous clients with RCRA permitting of incinerators and hazardous waste-fired boilers and furnaces. Provided on-site technical assistance for units during startup/shutdown periods. Developed RCRA trial burn

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plans and risk burn plans submittal to regulatory agencies for review and approval. Assisted with negotiations to obtain approval of plans. Provided oversight and coordination for the test burns, typically acting as the main contact for regulators, stack testing contractors, waste spiking contractors, and laboratories. Prepared trial burn and risk burn reports, assisting with negotiations for final permit conditions. Developed Part B Permit applications. Developed site-specific multipathway risk assessment protocols and reports, in accordance with USEPA guidance.

*ICIB/PH NESHAP Compliance. Multiple Clients and Locations.* Assisted numerous clients through the various stages of ICIB/PH NESHAP compliance, before the court vacatur of the regulation. Performed detailed gap analyses to determine the activities that would be necessary to bring the units into compliance with the new regulations. Gap analyses included applicability determinations, evaluations of available emission data to determine compliance with emission standards, and reviews of the monitoring, reporting, and record keeping requirements. If necessary, performed pollution control feasibility studies. Provided recommendations on the most appropriate compliance options and strategies. Developed performance test plans and provided oversight during preliminary stack testing. Prepared the required operating plans for each unit, including fuel analysis plans, SSM plans, and site-specific monitoring plans.

*Combustion and Air Pollution Control System Design and Engineering. Multiple Clients and Locations.* Projects included air pollution control conceptual designs for new systems and retrofits. Prepared engineering reviews and feasibility studies, evaluating possible equipment designs and providing recommendations for new equipment and system modifications. Prepared engineering specifications for combustion and air pollution control equipment. Developed proprietary heat and material balance programs to evaluate design conditions and assist in sizing of equipment.

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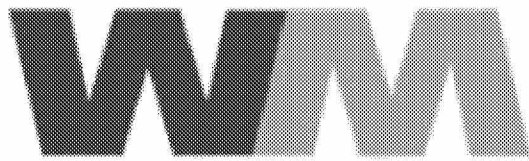
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**Appendix B:**  
**CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE**  
**EVALUATION TEST PLAN**



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CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

*LAKE CHARLES FACILITY*

**HAZARDOUS WASTE  
OPERATING PERMIT  
EPA ID No. LAD 000 777 201  
AGENCY INTEREST No. 742**

**CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEMS  
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION TEST PLAN  
FOR THERMAL DESORPTION UNIT**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This continuous monitoring systems (CMS) performance evaluation test (PET) plan is being submitted by Chemical Waste Management, Inc., (CWM) for the Thermal Desorption Unit (TDU) to be operated at the Lake Charles Facility. The TDU is subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) standards codified in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 264 Subpart X and Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) Title 33 Part V Chapter 32. The applicable operating requirements for the TDU are specified in Section V.G of Hazardous Waste Operating Permit No. LAD000777201-OP-RN-MO-I.

This plan describes the CMS PET that CWM will conduct to demonstrate that the CMS associated with the TDU are operating in compliance with the standards presented in the permit. It is being submitted in accordance with Condition V.G.10.b.11 of the permit as part of the requirements for the comprehensive performance test (CPT) to demonstrate compliance with all applicable performance standards.

### 1.1 FACILITY OVERVIEW

The CWM Lake Charles Facility is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility located on a 390-acre tract near Carlyss, Louisiana. John Brannon Road divides the facility into two parts: 270 acres to the west and 120 acres to the east. Incoming waste is currently treated as required and then disposed in Hazardous Waste Landfill Cell 8, located on the west side of John Brannon Road, adjacent to the other operational areas of the facility. CWM has added two new technologies to the current operations at the Lake Charles Facility. These new technologies offer CWM opportunities to treat waste and recover oil for resale. The two new systems consist of Oil Recovery Units and the TDU.

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## **1.2 UNIT OVERVIEW**

The TDU is designed to remediate organic hydrocarbon waste streams by thermally volatilizing their hydrocarbon constituents such that they are separated from the solid fraction, processed, and captured as a recovered organic material. The TDU consists of a solids feed system, an indirectly heated rotary drum, a Vapor Recovery Unit (VRU), and a Thermal Oxidizer Unit (TOU). Gases exit the TOU and flow through a water quench, a venturi scrubber, and a packed bed scrubber. An induced draft (ID) fan downstream of the packed bed scrubber pulls the gases through the TOU and quench/scrubber system and pushes them out the stack.

## **1.3 REGULATORY OVERVIEW**

The TDU is a thermal treatment unit, but it does not meet the definitions of an incinerator, boiler, or industrial furnace provided in 40 CFR § 260.10. The TDU does not use controlled flame combustion. Therefore, this unit is subject to 40 CFR Part 264 Subpart X and LAC 33:V.Chapter 32. 40 CFR § 264.601 and LAC 33:V.3203 require that Subpart X permit terms and provisions include those requirements of 40 CFR Part 264 Subparts I through O and Subparts AA through CC, 40 CFR Part 270, 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEE, and 40 CFR Part 146 that are appropriate for the miscellaneous unit being permitted. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has determined that some of the performance standards of 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEE, Hazardous Waste Combustor National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HWC NESHAP), are appropriate for the TDU.

The permit requires that CWM use CMS to ensure that the TDU is operating in compliance with the performance standards at all times. These CMS are comprised of continuous process monitoring systems (CPMS) and continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS). The performance of the CMS must be evaluated in conjunction with the CPT. This evaluation is referred to as the CMS PET. CWM must document the protocol for the CMS PET in a CMS PET plan and must submit the plan for review and approval along with the CPT plan.

## **1.4 CONTINUOUS PROCESS MONITORING SYSTEMS OVERVIEW**

Various CPMS are required for the TDU to document compliance with the required OPLs. These monitors sample regulated operating parameters without interruption and evaluate the detector's response at least once every 15 seconds. The distributed control system (DCS) collects the data, calculates and records one-minute average (OMA) values for each required operating parameter, and calculates and records the appropriate rolling averages. Table 1-1 provides a description of each CPMS.

**TABLE 1-1**  
**CONTINUOUS PROCESS MONITORING SYSTEMS**

MEASURED PARAMETER	INSTRUMENT DESCRIPTION
Hazardous waste feed rate	Flow meter
Rotary drum pressure	Pressure transmitter
Rotary drum temperature	Thermocouple and temperature transmitter
Thermal oxidizer unit temperature	Thermocouple and temperature transmitter
Flue gas flow rate	Flow meter
Venturi scrubber pressure drop	Differential pressure transmitter
Packed bed scrubber liquid flow rate	Flow meter
Paced bed scrubber liquid pH	pH transmitter and electrode

## 1.5 CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORING SYSTEMS OVERVIEW

In addition to monitoring process parameters, CWM is required to continuously monitor the carbon monoxide (CO) concentration in the stack gas to demonstrate compliance with the CO performance standard. CWM must also use an oxygen CEMS to continuously correct the reported CO concentration to seven percent oxygen. These analyzers must comply with the quality assurance (QA) procedures for CEMS contained in 40 CFR Part 266 Appendix IX.

CWM will utilize a non-dispersive infrared analyzer for CO. The analyzer will be configured with two spans: a zero to 200 parts per million by volume dry basis (ppmv dry) low-level span and zero to 3,000 ppmv high-level span. CWM will continuously correct these CO concentration measurements to seven percent oxygen. CWM will perform this correction with measurements of the stack gas oxygen concentration that will be collected by a paramagnetic analyzer. The analyzer will be configured with a single span of zero to 25 percent oxygen by volume on a dry basis.

## 1.6 PLAN PURPOSE AND SCOPE

With this CMS PET, CWM will demonstrate that the CMS associated with the TDU are operating in compliance with the permit requirements. More specifically, CWM will demonstrate that all CMS are installed such that they can obtain representative measurements of the process or emissions parameter. This will include verification of proper installation, operation, and calibration of each CMS used to demonstrate compliance with the permit.

This CMS PET plan includes both an internal and external QA program. The internal QA program specifies the procedures that will be used to verify correct installation, calibration, and operation of each CMS device prior to the CPT. The external QA program provides information on data validation and documentation measures for the CMS PET.

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The remaining sections of this plan are organized as follows:

- Section 2 provides a summary of the CMS performance evaluations that will be performed (internal QA program) and presents a schedule for the CMS PET;
- Section 3 provides information on the data validation and reporting procedures (external QA program); and
- Attachment A provides detailed procedures and recording forms for the CMS PET.

## **1.7 DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY**

The original version of this plan was submitted in November 2017. The nature and date of any future revisions will be summarized in Table 1-2.

**TABLE 1-2**  
**DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY**

REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
0	November 2017	Original submittal



## 2.0 INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

This internal QA program specifies the procedures that will be used to conduct the CMS PET. This section provides an overview of the required program and the anticipated test schedule. Details on the internal QA program activities are provided on the CMS PET checklists in Attachment A.

### 2.1 INSTALLATION CHECKS

During the CMS PET, installation checks will be performed on each of the permit-required CMS to verify that they are installed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and plant internal standards. The checklists in Attachment A provide the installation checks that will be performed for each CMS. Examples of the installation checks that will be performed include verifying proper orientation of the CMS, checking the electrical wiring, and looking for evidence of corrosion or excessive buildup.

### 2.2 OPERATIONAL CHECKS

Operational checks will also be performed on each of the CMS to verify that they are operating properly. The operational checks specific to each CMS are detailed on the CMS PET checklists in Attachment A. These operational checks will vary depending upon the diagnostic capabilities of the instrument. For those CMS equipped with internal diagnostic test routines, CWM will activate the routine, if necessary, and will review the instrument display for error codes after the diagnostic test is complete. Absent such a diagnostic routine, CWM will simply observe the CMS during normal unit operation and will confirm that changes are registered with known changes in process conditions.

For the CEMS, a relative accuracy test audit (RATA) will be conducted following the RATA procedures described in 40 CFR Part 266 Appendix IX for all analyzers. Concurrent with the RATA, the facility will conduct a seven-day drift test, which is intended to demonstrate the stability of the CEMS calibration over time.

### 2.3 CALIBRATION CHECKS

In addition to verifying proper installation and operation of each CMS, CWM will also check the calibration of each CMS during the CMS PET. CWM will perform complete calibrations of the CMS if the calibration checks indicate the potential for an unacceptable amount of bias in the instrument readings. The checklists in Attachment A provide information on the instrument-specific calibration procedures.

For the CEMS, CWM will assess the daily calibration and zero drift of each CEMS. During the daily calibration check, the stack gas sample stream is temporarily turned off, and calibration gases are injected into each analyzer. A zero level calibration gas is used to test the baseline response of each CEMS. A span gas is then used to test the response of the instrument at the high end of its range. This assessment is performed automatically each day by the CEMS and will continue during the CMS PET.

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Should any adjustments to the CEMS be required, they will be performed manually by CWM following site-specific procedures.

## **2.4 INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The activities designated for the internal QA program will require careful planning and substantial time to complete. To ensure completion prior to the CPT, CWM will perform the CMS PET in the months prior to the CPT. All tasks will be initiated no less than two weeks prior to the CPT to allow time for corrective actions to be implemented in the event that any installation, calibration, or operation check is not successful.

## **3.0 EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

The external QA program includes those procedures utilized to validate the data collected during the CMS PET and to document the CMS PET activities. The primary goal of the external QA program is proper collection and organization of test data followed by clear and concise reporting of the test results. Details on the external QA program for this CMS PET are provided in this section.

### **3.1 TEST PERSONNEL**

The CMS PET activities described in this test plan will be performed by CWM instrumentation staff or qualified contractors. The personnel involved in each program element will be documented on the CMS PET checklists in Attachment A or will be detailed in the contractor's test logs and report.

### **3.2 REDUCTION OF TEST DATA**

The data collected during the CMS PET will be compiled following test completion and will be included in the CMS PET report. Extreme care will be exercised by test personnel to ensure that all manually recorded data are written accurately and legibly. To help increase the quality and uniformity of the test data, all CMS PET activities will be documented on pre-printed data recording forms. Examples of these checklists are provided in Attachment A.

### **3.3 VALIDATION OF TEST RESULTS**

After the CMS PET is performed, CWM will review the data recorded by the test personnel. When evaluating the data, CWM will make sure that the specified procedures were followed, the necessary forms were completed, and the results of each CMS installation, operation, and calibration check were successful. A preliminary review of the test results will be conducted following test completion prior to the CPT. A final validation of the test results will be performed prior to submittal of the CMS PET report.

### **3.4 REPORTING OF TEST RESULTS**

The results of the CMS PET will be compiled and will be summarized in the CMS PET report, which will be prepared by a qualified contractor. The CMS PET report will provide the result of each CMS installation, operation, and calibration check and will also include the completed CMS PET checklists and/or contractor test report. The CMS PET report will be submitted as an appendix to the CPT report for the TDU.

**Attachment A:**  
**EXAMPLE CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEMS**  
**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION TEST FORMS**

### CMS PET Log

MEASURED PARAMETER	DEVICE TYPE	CMS PET COMPLETED?
Hazardous waste feed rate	Flow meter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rotary drum pressure	Pressure transmitter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rotary drum temperature	Thermocouple and temperature transmitter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thermal oxidizer unit temperature	Thermocouple and temperature transmitter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flue gas flow rate	Flow meter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Venturi scrubber pressure drop	Differential pressure transmitter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packed bed scrubber liquid flow rate	Flow meter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paced bed scrubber liquid pH	pH transmitter and electrode	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stack gas carbon monoxide concentration	Non-dispersive infrared analyzer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stack gas oxygen concentration	Paramagnetic analyzer	<input type="checkbox"/>

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE FEED RATE  
FLOW METER**

**TAG NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Make sure that the flow meter is clean and undamaged and that no process leaks are evident.		
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the flow meter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that the flow meter's terminal housing contains no moisture and shows no evidence of corrosion.		
Verify that all sensor, transmitter, and control system connections are made properly, clean, and in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to plant or manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Review the flow meter display for error indications and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the flow meter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

**ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY DRUM PRESSURE  
PRESSURE TRANSMITTER  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Make sure that the transmitter is clean and undamaged and that no process leaks are evident.		
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the transmitter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that the transmitter's terminal housing contains no moisture and shows no evidence of corrosion.		
Verify that all transmitter and control system connections are made properly, are clean, and are in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to appropriate plant and manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Review the transmitter display for error indications and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the transmitter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY DRUM TEMPERATURE  
THERMOCOUPLE AND TEMPERATURE TRANSMITTER  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the temperature element and transmitter and make sure that they conform to appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Verify that all thermocouple, transmitter, and control system connections are made properly, are clean, and are in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to appropriate plant and manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Initiate an instrument self-test, check for displayed error codes, and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Replace the thermocouple if necessary.		
Check the calibration of the transmitter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

**ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR THERMAL OXIDIZER UNIT TEMPERATURE  
THERMOCOUPLE AND TEMPERATURE TRANSMITTER  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the temperature element and transmitter and make sure that they conform to appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Verify that all thermocouple, transmitter, and control system connections are made properly, are clean, and are in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to appropriate plant and manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Initiate an instrument self-test, check for displayed error codes, and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Replace the thermocouple if necessary.		
Check the calibration of the transmitter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

**ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR FLUE GAS FLOW RATE**  
**FLOW METER**  
**TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Make sure that the flow meter is clean and undamaged and that no process leaks are evident.		
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the flow meter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that the flow meter's terminal housing contains no moisture and shows no evidence of corrosion.		
Verify that all sensor, transmitter, and control system connections are made properly, clean, and in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to plant or manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Review the flow meter display for error indications and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the flow meter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR VENTURI SCRUBBER PRESSURE DROP  
DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE TRANSMITTER  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Make sure that the transmitter is clean and undamaged and that no process leaks are evident.		
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the transmitter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that the transmitter's terminal housing contains no moisture and shows no evidence of corrosion.		
Verify that all transmitter and control system connections are made properly, are clean, and are in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to appropriate plant and manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Review the transmitter display for error indications and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the transmitter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR PACKED BED SCRUBBER LIQUID FLOW RATE  
FLOW METER**

**TAG NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Make sure that the flow meter is clean and undamaged and that no process leaks are evident.		
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the flow meter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that the flow meter's terminal housing contains no moisture and shows no evidence of corrosion.		
Verify that all sensor, transmitter, and control system connections are made properly, clean, and in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to plant or manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Review the flow meter display for error indications and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the flow meter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

**ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR PACKED BED SCRUBBER LIQUID PH  
PH TRANSMITTER AND ELECTRODE  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Confirm that the physical mounting, orientation, and operating environment of the transmitter are consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Verify that all analyzer and control system connections are made properly, are clean, and are in good repair.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to appropriate plant and manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Initiate a transmitter self-test, check for displayed error codes, and complete repairs or maintenance as needed.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Check the calibration of the transmitter following site-specific or manufacturer's procedures.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR STACK GAS CARBON MONOXIDE CONCENTRATION**  
**NON-DISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER**  
**TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Confirm that the physical mounting and operating environment of the CEMS is consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that all filters are clean and free from residue buildup.		
Perform a leak test on the sample and purge lines following plant or manufacturer recommended procedures.		
Confirm that the calibration gases are properly connected to the unit, the supply lines are pressurized, and regulators are set to the proper pressure.		
Make sure that the flow rate of sample gas to the analyzer is within the range recommended by the manufacturer.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to plant or manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Conduct a relative accuracy test audit.		
Conduct a seven-day calibration drift test.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Purge the analyzer with calibration gas. Adjust the analyzer as necessary until readings are within an acceptable difference of the calibration gas value. Analyzer should be calibrated at the zero, low, and high span levels.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMS PET CHECKLIST FOR STACK GAS OXYGEN CONCENTRATION  
PARAMAGNETIC ANALYZER  
TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

INSTALLATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Confirm that the physical mounting and operating environment of the CEMS is consistent with appropriate manufacturer specifications.		
Ensure that all filters are clean and free from residue buildup.		
Perform a leak test on the sample and purge lines following plant or manufacturer recommended procedures.		
Confirm that the calibration gases are properly connected to the unit, the supply lines are pressurized, and regulators are set to the proper pressure.		
Make sure that the flow rate of sample gas to the analyzer is within the range recommended by the manufacturer.		
Make sure that all electrical wiring conforms to plant or manufacturer recommended practices.		
OPERATIONAL CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Conduct a relative accuracy test audit.		
Conduct a seven-day calibration drift test.		
CALIBRATION CHECK		
TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
Purge the analyzer with calibration gas. Adjust the analyzer as necessary until readings are within an acceptable difference of the calibration gas value. Analyzer should be calibrated at the zero, low, and high span levels.		

\*Note: Installation and operational checks should be conducted prior to instrument calibration.

ADDITIONAL CALIBRATION SHEETS ATTACHED?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Mr. Head:

Thank you for your October 30, 2015 letter requesting clarification of the hazardous waste regulatory standards for thermal desorption units (TDUs) installed at RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs). I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. In your scenario, the TDU reclaims oil from oil bearing hazardous wastes generated by petroleum refining, production, or transportation practices. You describe a TDU as a device that heats solid material to vaporize, remove, and separate organic constituent materials from solids. In the scenario you describe at a TSDF, the separated organic constituents are typically condensed and recovered as a liquid oil. The TDU process also generates a vent gas after the condensing stream.

Your inquiry also references 40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(3)(iv)(C)<sup>1</sup>, which provides that:

Oil reclaimed from oil-bearing hazardous waste from petroleum refining, production, or transportation practices, which reclaimed oil is burned as a fuel without reintroduction to a refining process, so long as the used oil specification under 40 C.F.R. § 279.11 is not subject to regulation under 40 C.F.R. Parts 262 – 268, 270, or 40 C.F.R. Part 124, and is not subject to the notification requirements of Section 3010 of RCRA.

If the above conditions are met, then the reclaimed oil can be burned as a non-hazardous fuel. If the oil-bearing hazardous waste is not from petroleum refining, production, or transportation practices, then the reclaimed oil is subject to RCRA regulation.

If a TDU combusts all or a portion of the vent gas, combustion of the TDU vent gas from RCRA hazardous waste or recyclable materials [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(1)] is considered thermal treatment that is regulated by RCRA. The material being treated (oil-bearing hazardous waste) is already a hazardous waste. Heating hazardous wastes to a gaseous state is subject to regulation under RCRA as treatment of hazardous waste, and thermal treatment after a material becomes a hazardous waste is fully regulated under RCRA. 54 Fed. Reg. 50968, 50973 (December 11, 1989). Thus, thermal treatment of the vent gas requires a RCRA permit.

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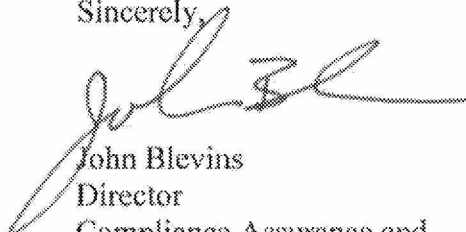
<sup>1</sup> Since you did not reference a specific State in which your client may operate a TDU, this letter cites to the applicable federal regulations. If the State has an authorized RCRA program, the corresponding state regulation would be applicable.



If the vent gas is combusted in the combustion chamber of the TDU, then a permit under 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart O is required, because the TDU would meet the definition of incinerator in 40 C.F.R. § 260.10 (an enclosed device that uses controlled flame combustion). If, on the other hand, the vent gas is vented to and combusted in a thermal oxidizing unit (TOU), the permitting authority may be able to permit the entire unit (TDU and TOU) as a miscellaneous unit under 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart X. A RCRA permit would be required even if the facility is operating as a RCRA exempt recycling activity under 40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(3)(iv)(C). If the permitting authority decides to issue a 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart X permit, the permitting authority is required to include in the permit requirements from 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subparts I through O, AA, BB, and CC, 40 C.F.R. Part 270, 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart EEE, and 40 C.F.R. Part 146 that are appropriate for the miscellaneous unit being permitted as required in 40 C.F.R. § 264.601. The decisions as to what appropriate requirements would be included in the permit would be left to the permitting authority. However, EPA would expect that the permit conditions would be similar to those set forth in the enclosed Consent Agreement and Final Order, In Re: US Ecology Texas, Inc. and TD\*X Associates, LP, EPA Docket Nos. RCRA-06-2012-0936 and RCRA-06-2012-0937, filed October 4, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Guy Tidmore of my staff at (214) 665-3142 or via e-mail at [tidmore.guy@epa.gov](mailto:tidmore.guy@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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3. For the purposes of this proceeding, the Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations contained herein; however, the Respondents neither admit nor deny the specific factual allegations contained in this CAFO.

4. The Respondents explicitly waive any right to contest the allegations and their right to appeal the proposed Final Order set forth therein, and waive all defenses which have been raised or could have been raised to the claims set forth in the CAFO.

5. Compliance with all the terms and conditions of this CAFO shall resolve only those violations which are set forth herein.

6. The Respondents consent to the issuance of the CAFO hereinafter recited and consent to the issuance of the Compliance Order contained therein.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

### **A. PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS**

7. US Ecology Texas, Inc. (USET) is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

8. TD\*X Associates LP (TD\*X) is a limited partnership authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

9. "Person" is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 3.2(25) [40 C.F.R. §§ 260.10 and 270.2], and Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(15) as "an individual, corporation, organization, government or government subdivision or agency, business trust, partnership, association, or any other legal entity."

10. The Respondent USET is a "person" as defined by 30 T.A.C. § 3.2 (25) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], and Section 1004 (15) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(15).

11. The Respondent TD\*X is a “person” as defined by 30 T.A.C. § 3.2 (25) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], and Section 1004 (15) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903 (15).

12. “Owner” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(108) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as “the person who owns a facility or part of a facility.”

13. “Operator” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(107) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as “the person responsible for the overall operation of a facility”.

14. “Owner or operator” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 270.2 as “the owner or operator of any facility or activity subject to regulation under RCRA.”

15. “Facility” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(59) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as meaning “all contiguous land, and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for storing, processing, or disposing of municipal hazardous waste or industrial solid waste. A facility may consist of several treatment, storage, or disposal operational units (e.g., one or more landfills, surface impoundments, or combinations of them).”

16. The Respondent USET owns and operates a hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facility located at 3327 County Road 69, Robstown, TX 78380, EPA I.D. No. TXD069452340, Permit No. HW-50052-001.

17. The TSD identified in Paragraph 16 is a “facility” as that term is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(59) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].

18. The Respondent USET is the “owner” and/or “operator” of the facility identified in Paragraph 16, as those terms are defined in 30 TAC § 335.1(107) & (108) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] and 40 C.F.R. § 270.2.

19. An oil reclamation unit is located at the facility identified in Paragraph 16.

20. The Respondent TD\*X owns and operates a thermal desorption unit (TDU), as well as the feed preparation system that includes a shaker tank (T-30), three mix tanks (T-31, T-32, and T-33), a centrifuge, and a surge tank (T-34) at the oil reclamation unit.

21. The Respondent TD\*X began operating the TDU and related equipment on or about June 15, 2008.

22. On or about June 8 – 11, 2010, June 14 – 17, 2010, and August 9 – 11, 2010, the Respondent USET's TSD facility and the oil reclamation unit were inspected by representatives of EPA pursuant to Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6927.

## **B. VIOLATIONS**

### **Count One – Processing Hazardous Waste Without a Permit or Interim Status**

23. Pursuant to Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)], a RCRA permit or interim status is required for the processing (treatment),<sup>1</sup> storage, or disposal of hazardous waste.

24. “Hazardous waste” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3] as “any solid waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§ 6901 *et seq.*”

25. “Recyclable materials” is defined in 30 T.A.C. §335.24(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(1)] as “hazardous wastes that are recycled”.

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<sup>1</sup> The Texas Administrative Code uses the term “processing” instead of “treatment”. The term “processing” as used by Texas is essentially equivalent to the term “treatment” as used in the federal statute and regulations.

26. The Respondent USET receives “hazardous waste” from off-site generators, as that term is defined by 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3].

27. The Respondent USET receives “recyclable materials” from off-site generators, as that term is defined by 30 T.A.C. § 335.24(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(1)].

28. Recyclable materials destined for oil reclamation are transferred to the Respondent TD\*X by the Respondent USET.

29. Processing (treatment) is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(122) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as follows:

The extraction of materials, transfer, volume reduction, conversion to energy, or other separation and preparation of solid waste for reuse or disposal, including the treatment or neutralization of solid waste or hazardous waste, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any solid waste or hazardous waste so as to neutralize such waste, or so as to recover energy or material from the waste or so as to render such waste nonhazardous, or less hazardous; safer to transport, store or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume. The transfer of solid waste for reuse or disposal as used in this definition does not include the actions of a transporter in conveying or transporting solid waste by truck, ship, pipeline, or other means. Unless the executive director determines that regulation of such activity is necessary to protect human health or the environment, the definition of processing does not include activities relating to those materials exempted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§6901 *et seq.*, as amended.

30. On various dates after June 15, 2008, certain recyclable materials were processed in the tanks identified in Paragraph 20.

31. The recyclable materials identified in Paragraph 30 did not meet the exemption in 30 T.A.C. § 335.24(c)(4)(C) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(3)(iv)(C) because the hazardous wastes were not “oil-bearing hazardous wastes from petroleum refining, production, and transportation practices.”

32. The Respondent TD\*X processed (treated) hazardous waste as that term is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(122) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] in the tanks identified in Paragraph 20.

33. To date, neither the Respondent USED nor Respondent TD\*X has applied for nor received a RCRA permit or interim status to allow the processing (treatment) of hazardous waste in the tanks identified in Paragraph 20.

34. Therefore, the Respondent USET and the Respondent TD\*X have violated Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)] by processing (treating) hazardous waste without a RCRA permit or interim status.

**Count Two – Processing Hazardous Waste Without a Permit or Interim Status**

35. Pursuant to Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)], a RCRA permit or interim status is required for the processing (treatment), storage, or disposal of hazardous waste.

36. “Hazardous waste” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3] as “any solid waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§ 6901 *et seq.*”

37. “Recyclable materials” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.24(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(1)] as “hazardous wastes that are recycled”.

38. The Respondent USET receives “hazardous waste” from off-site generators, as that term is defined by 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3].

39. The Respondent USET receives “recyclable materials” from off-site generators, as that term is defined by 30 T.A.C. § 335.24(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(1)].

40. Recyclable materials destined for oil reclamation are transferred to the Respondent TD\*X by the Respondent USET.

41. On various dates after June 15, 2008, certain recyclable materials were fed into the TDU that did not meet the exemption in 30 T.A.C. § 335.24(c)(4)(C) [40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(3)(iv)(C) because the hazardous wastes were not “oil-bearing hazardous wastes from petroleum refining, production, and transportation practices.”

42. Processing (treatment) is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(122) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as follows:

The extraction of materials, transfer, volume reduction, conversion to energy, or other separation and preparation of solid waste for reuse or disposal, including the treatment or neutralization of solid waste or hazardous waste, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any solid waste or hazardous waste so as to neutralize such waste, or so as to recover energy or material from the waste or so as to render such waste nonhazardous, or less hazardous; safer to transport, store or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume. The transfer of solid waste for reuse or disposal as used in this definition does not include the actions of a transporter in conveying or transporting solid waste by truck, ship, pipeline, or other means. Unless the executive director determines that regulation of such activity is necessary to protect human health or the environment, the definition of processing does not include activities relating to those materials exempted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§6901 *et seq.*, as amended.

43. Thermal processing (thermal treatment) is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(149) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as follows:

the processing of solid waste or hazardous waste in a device which uses elevated temperatures as the primary means to change the chemical, physical, or biological character or composition of the solid waste or hazardous waste. Examples of thermal processing are incineration, molten salt, pyrolysis, calcination, wet air



oxidation, and microwave discharge. (See also “incinerator” and “open burning.”).

44. The TDU uses heat from an indirect heated rotary dryer to separate the organic constituents from the hazardous waste feed material. A nitrogen carrier gas is used to transfer the vapor phase organic constituents to a gas treatment system. The oil is recovered by condensing vapor phase organic constituents in the gas treatment system. A portion of the TDU’s recirculating nitrogen carrier gas, along with non-condensable gases, is vented, filtered, and then injected into the combustion chamber of the TDU, where it is burned.

45. The separation of the organic constituents from the hazardous waste in the TDU’s indirectly heated rotary dryer constitutes thermal processing (thermal treatment) as that term is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(149) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].

46. To date, neither the Respondent USET nor Respondent TD\*X has applied for nor received a RCRA permit or interim status to allow the thermal processing (thermal treatment) of hazardous waste in the TDU.

47. Therefore, the Respondent USET and the Respondent TD\*X have violated Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)] by thermally processing (thermally treating) hazardous waste without a RCRA permit or interim status.

### **Count Three - Processing Hazardous Waste Without a Permit or Interim Status**

48. Pursuant to Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)], a RCRA permit or interim status is required for the processing (treatment), storage, or disposal of hazardous waste.

49. “Hazardous waste” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3] as “any solid waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States

Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§ 6901 *et seq.*”

50. The Respondent USET receives “hazardous waste” from off-site generators, as that term is defined by 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3].

51. Hazardous wastes destined for oil reclamation are transferred to the Respondent TD\*X by the Respondent USET.

52. On various dates after June 15, 2008, hazardous wastes were fed into the TDU.

53. The TDU uses heat from an indirect heated rotary dryer to separate the organic constituents from the hazardous waste feed material. A nitrogen carrier gas is used to transfer the vapor phase organic constituents to a gas treatment system. The oil is recovered by condensing vapor phase organic constituents in the gas treatment system. A portion of the TDU’s recirculating nitrogen carrier gas, along with non-condensable gases, is vented, filtered, and then injected into the combustion chamber of the TDU, where it is burned.

54. Processing (treatment) is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(122) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as follows:

The extraction of materials, transfer, volume reduction, conversion to energy, or other separation and preparation of solid waste for reuse or disposal, including the treatment or neutralization of solid waste or hazardous waste, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any solid waste or hazardous waste so as to neutralize such waste, or so as to recover energy or material from the waste or so as to render such waste nonhazardous, or less hazardous; safer to transport, store or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume. The transfer of solid waste for reuse or disposal as used in this definition does not include the actions of a transporter in conveying or transporting solid waste by truck, ship, pipeline, or other means. Unless the executive director determines that regulation of such activity is necessary to protect human health or the environment, the definition of processing does not include activities relating to those materials exempted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in

accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§6901 *et seq.*, as amended.

55. Thermal processing (thermal treatment) is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(149)

[40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as follows:

the processing of solid waste or hazardous waste in a device which uses elevated temperatures as the primary means to change the chemical, physical, or biological character or composition of the solid waste or hazardous waste. Examples of thermal processing are incineration, molten salt, pyrolysis, calcination, wet air oxidation, and microwave discharge. (See also “incinerator” and “open burning.”)

56. The burning of gases in the TDU’s combustion chamber constitutes thermal processing (thermal treatment) as that term is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(149)

[40 C.F.R. § 260.10].

57. The combustion chamber of the TDU is an enclosed device that uses controlled flame combustion.

58. The combustion chamber of the TDU does not meet the criteria for classification as a boiler, sludge dryer, or carbon regeneration unit, nor is listed as an industrial furnace; nor meets the definition of infrared incinerator or plasma arc incinerator.”

59. To date, neither the Respondent USET nor Respondent TD\*X has applied for nor received a RCRA permit or interim status to allow the thermal processing (thermal treatment) of hazardous waste in the combustion chamber of the TDU.

60. Therefore, the Respondent USET and the Respondent TD\*X have violated and continue to violate Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e) and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)] by thermally processing (thermally treating) hazardous waste without a RCRA permit or interim status.

**Count Four – Storing Hazardous Waste Without a Permit Or Interim Status**

61. Pursuant to Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)], a RCRA permit or interim status is required for the processing (treatment), storage, or disposal of hazardous waste.

62. “Storage” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(143) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] as “the holding of solid waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the waste is processed, disposed of, recycled, or stored elsewhere.”

63. Between on or about March 9, 2010, and June 11, 2010, the Respondent USET stored roll-off boxes in the area called the “Y” at the facility.

64. The roll-off boxes identified in Paragraph 63 contained material which had entered the oil reclamation process and was being temporarily staged before undergoing subsequent stages of the reclamation process. The Respondent USET discontinued the use of the area called the “Y” for this purpose.

65. “Hazardous waste” is defined in 30 T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3] as “any solid waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, §§ 6901 *et seq.*”

66. The roll-off boxes identified in Paragraph 63 contained “hazardous waste” as that term is defined in T.A.C. § 335.1(69) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3].

67. The Respondent USET had not applied for nor received a RCRA permit or interim status to allow the storage of hazardous waste at the area called the “Y”.

68. Therefore, the Respondent USET has violated Sections 3005(a) and (e) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6925(a) and (e), and 30 T.A.C. § 335.43(a) [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(b)] by storing hazardous waste without a RCRA permit or interim status.

### **III. COMPLIANCE ORDER**

69. Pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), the Respondents are hereby **ORDERED** to take the following actions and provide evidence of compliance within the time period specified below:

#### **A. Interim Operating Requirements**

1. As of the effective date of this CAFO, feedstock for the oil reclamation unit shall consist only of non-hazardous waste, and oil-bearing hazardous waste from petroleum refining, production, and transportation practices. Oil-bearing hazardous waste from petroleum refining, production, or transportation practices includes the following listed hazardous waste from specific Petroleum Refining Sources (K049, K050, K051, K052, K169, and K170). Also acceptable is oil-bearing hazardous waste from processes which meet the definition of the following Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes and corresponding North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes (i.e., petroleum refining, production, and transportation practices) as follows:

<b>SIC Code</b>	<b>SIC Description</b>	<b>NAICS Code</b>	<b>NAICS Title</b>
1311	Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	211111	Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Extraction
1321	Natural Gas Liquids	211112	Natural Gas Liquid Extraction
1381	Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	213111	Drilling Oil and Gas Wells
1382	Oil & Gas Field Exploration Services (except geophysical mapping & surveying)	213112	Support Activities for Oil & Gas Operations
1389	Oil and Gas Field Services, NEC (except construction of field gathering lines, site	213112	Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations

	preparation and related construction activities performed on a contract or fee basis)		
2911	Petroleum Refining	324110	Petroleum Refineries
4612	Crude Petroleum Pipelines	486110	Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil
4613	Refined Petroleum Pipelines	486910	Pipeline Transportation of Refined Petroleum Products
4789	Transportation Services, NEC (pipeline terminals and stockyards for transportation)	488999	All Other Support Activities for Transportation
4922	Natural Gas Transmission	486210	Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas
4923	Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution (distribution)	221210	Natural Gas Distribution
4923	Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution (transmission)	486210	Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas
5171	Petroleum Bulk Stations and Terminals (except petroleum sold via retail method)	488999	All Other Support Activities for Transportation
5172	Petroleum and Petroleum Products Wholesalers, Except Bulk Stations and Terminals (merchant wholesalers)	424720	Petroleum and Petroleum Products Merchant Wholesalers (except Bulk Stations and Terminals)

2. Using feedstock from processes meeting the definition of the aforementioned SIC/NAICS Codes does not constitute compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 261.6(a)(3)(iv)(C) or this CAFO. The Respondents are required to make a separate determination whether the hazardous waste in question is “oil-bearing,” and that the hazardous waste was originally generated from petroleum refining, production, or transportation practices.

3. As of the effective date of this CAFO, when the dryer feed is on, the Respondents shall operate the TDU in accordance with the interim operating parameters set forth in Appendix 1, Table A, which is attached and incorporated by reference into this CAFO. The Blending Protocols referenced in Appendix 1 is attached as Appendix 2, and incorporated by reference into this CAFO.

4. As of the effective date of this CAFO, Respondents shall comply with the Start-Up, Shutdown, and Malfunction Plan (SSM Plan) (CDT Plan, Appendix E). The Compliance Demonstration Test (CDT) Plan is attached as Appendix 3 and incorporated by reference into the CAFO.

5. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this CAFO, the Respondents shall conduct a tune-up of the external combustion chamber of the TDU in accordance with the following requirements:

a. As applicable, inspect the burner and clean or replace any components of the burner as necessary. The burner inspection may be delayed until the next scheduled or unscheduled unit shutdown.

b. Inspect the flame pattern, as applicable, and adjust the burner as necessary to optimize the flame pattern. The adjustment should be consistent with the manufacturer's specification.

c. Inspect the system controlling the air-to-fuel ratio, as applicable, and ensure that it is correctly calibrated and functioning properly.

d. Optimize total emissions of carbon monoxide (CO). This optimization should be consistent with the manufacturer's specifications, if available.

e. Measure the concentrations in the effluent stream of CO in parts per million, by volume, and oxygen in volume percent, before and after the adjustments are made.

Measurements may be either on a dry or wet basis, as long as it is the same basis before and after the adjustments are made.

f. Perform sampling and analysis of both dryer furnace stacks using Method TO-15, "Determination of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) In Air Collected In Specially-Prepared Canisters And Analyzed By Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS)". If the total



organic matter result is greater than 10 ppmV for either stack, the analysis shall include speciation of the gas. This information shall be included in the report required in Paragraph 69.A.5.g below.

g. Maintain on-site a report documenting the concentrations of CO in the effluent stream in parts per million by volume, and oxygen in volume present, measured before and after the adjustments of the external combustion chamber of the TDU, and a description of any corrective actions taken as part of the combustion adjustment.

h. Subsequent tune-ups shall be conducted annually until the TDU is reconfigured.

6. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this CAFO, the Respondents shall conduct a fuel specification analysis of the purge vent gas for mercury and document that it does not exceed the maximum concentration of 40 micrograms/cubic meter of mercury using test methods ASTM D5954, ASTM D6350, ISO 6978-1:2003(E), or ISO 6978-2:2003(E), or an alternate test method approved by EPA. If the concentration of mercury exceeds 40 micrograms/cubic meter, the Respondents shall immediately notify EPA.

7. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this CAFO, the Respondents shall install, monitor, and operate an automatic hazardous waste feed cutoff (AWFCO) at the TDU in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 63.1206(c)(3)(ii) and (iv) that immediately and automatically cuts off the hazardous waste feed when any component of the AWFCO system fails, or when one or more of the interim operating parameters set forth in Appendix 1, Table A that are designated as AWFCO parameters are not met. The Respondents shall also comply with the investigation, recordkeeping, testing, and reporting requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 63.1206(c)(3)(v), (vi) and (vii).

8. Within one year of the effective date of this CAFO, the Respondents shall reconfigure the TDU so that the non-condensable vent gases are routed to a thermal oxidizing unit (TOU)